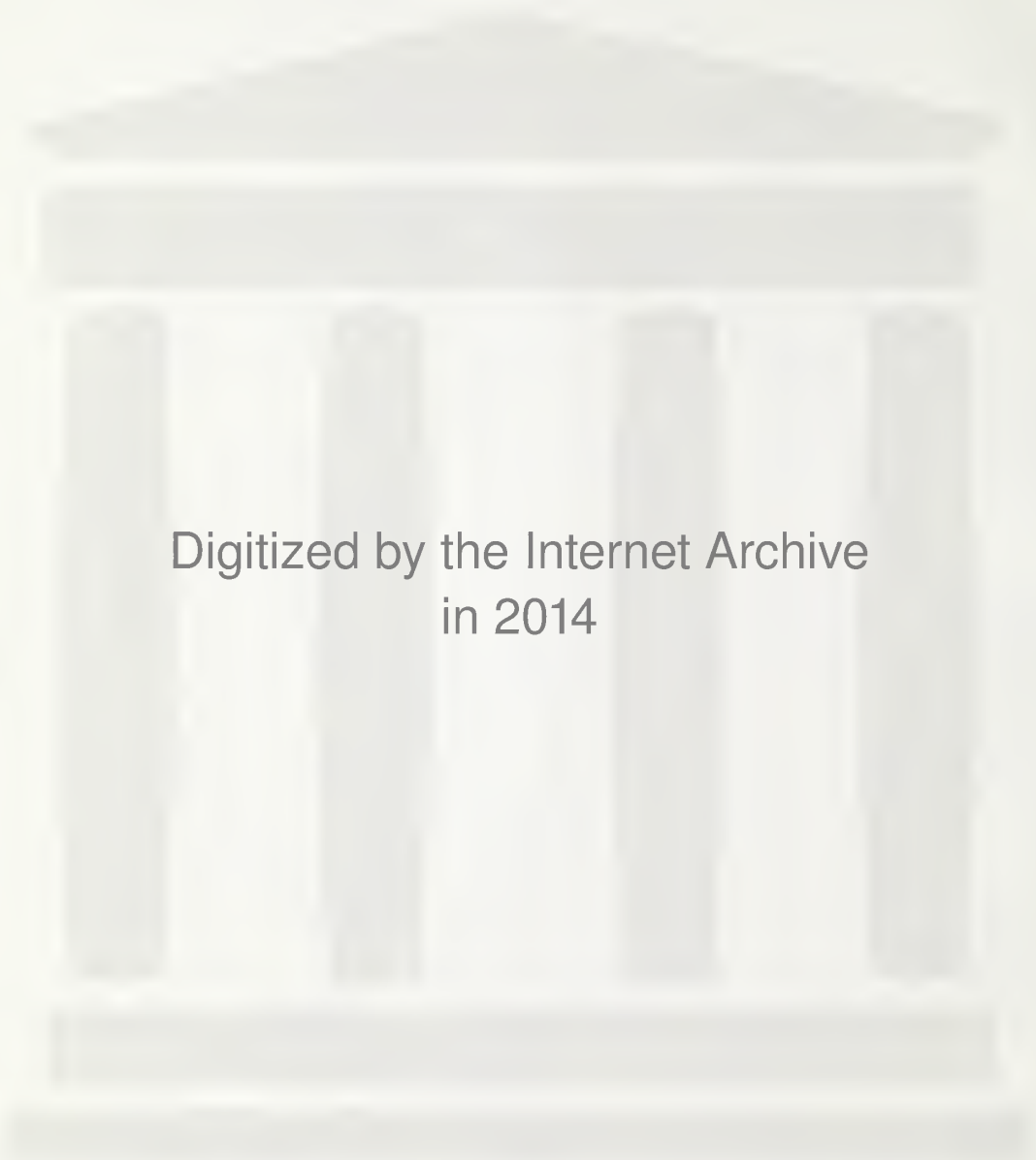
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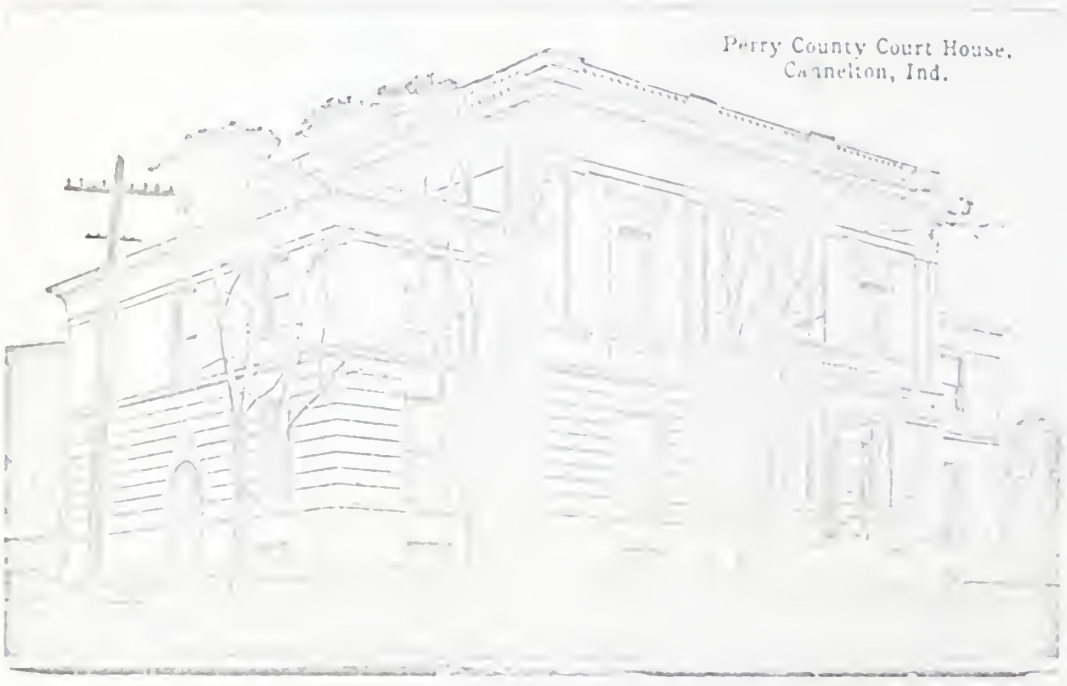
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PREFACE

This inventory of Perry County records constitutes a part of the general guide to the county archives of Indiana. It was prepared for the primary purpose of furnishing officials, students of history, and the citizens of the community with a convenient tool for their use in consulting the county records. It is hoped the information contained in these volumes will encourage county officials as well as the general public to take a greater interest in continued improvement of methods for preservation of public records. It is also hoped the information herein presented concerning the records, their present housing, and care, and accommodations available for users, will prove of value to the citizens and public officials.

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This inventory was begun during the period April 27 to June 22, 1936, under the supervision of Samuel J. Kagan, State Director; Clarence P. Wolfe, District Supervisor; and Esther Klingelhoefer, Research Editor. The field workers, Gladys Groves and Charles L. Howard of Evansville, arranged the records in two storerooms in the basement of the Perry County courthouse. Indispensable cooperation was received from all officials of the county and from those of the Works Progress Administration to make this survey successful.

It is our intention to present a complete, concise picture of the records in bibliographical form. This inventory is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning the background and basis for the records. The entries for the records are carried in consecutive numbering for the county, while the bureaus are

arranged in groups of governing boards: judicial, major administrative offices, financial, educational, health, engineering, and miscellaneous bureaus. Where it is applicable, natural groupings under subject headings are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged according to their functional sequence. A cross reference index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with the least effort.

Acknowledgment should go to the State office force of the Survey for checking, condensing, and editing compiling the Perry County Survey.

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FOREWORD

A guide to county and township records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Works Progress Administration project of the Historical Records Survey is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and State historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the Works Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther H. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Samuel J. Kagan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field forces which have carried out the project. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties, including the townships, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment within a year. It has, however, been accomplished.

An advisory committee of which Ralph N. Tirey, president of State Teachers' College, Terre Haute, is chairman, has helped guide work upon

the project; though no meetings were held, its member in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the State indebted to those officers who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

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Director
Indiana Historical Bureau

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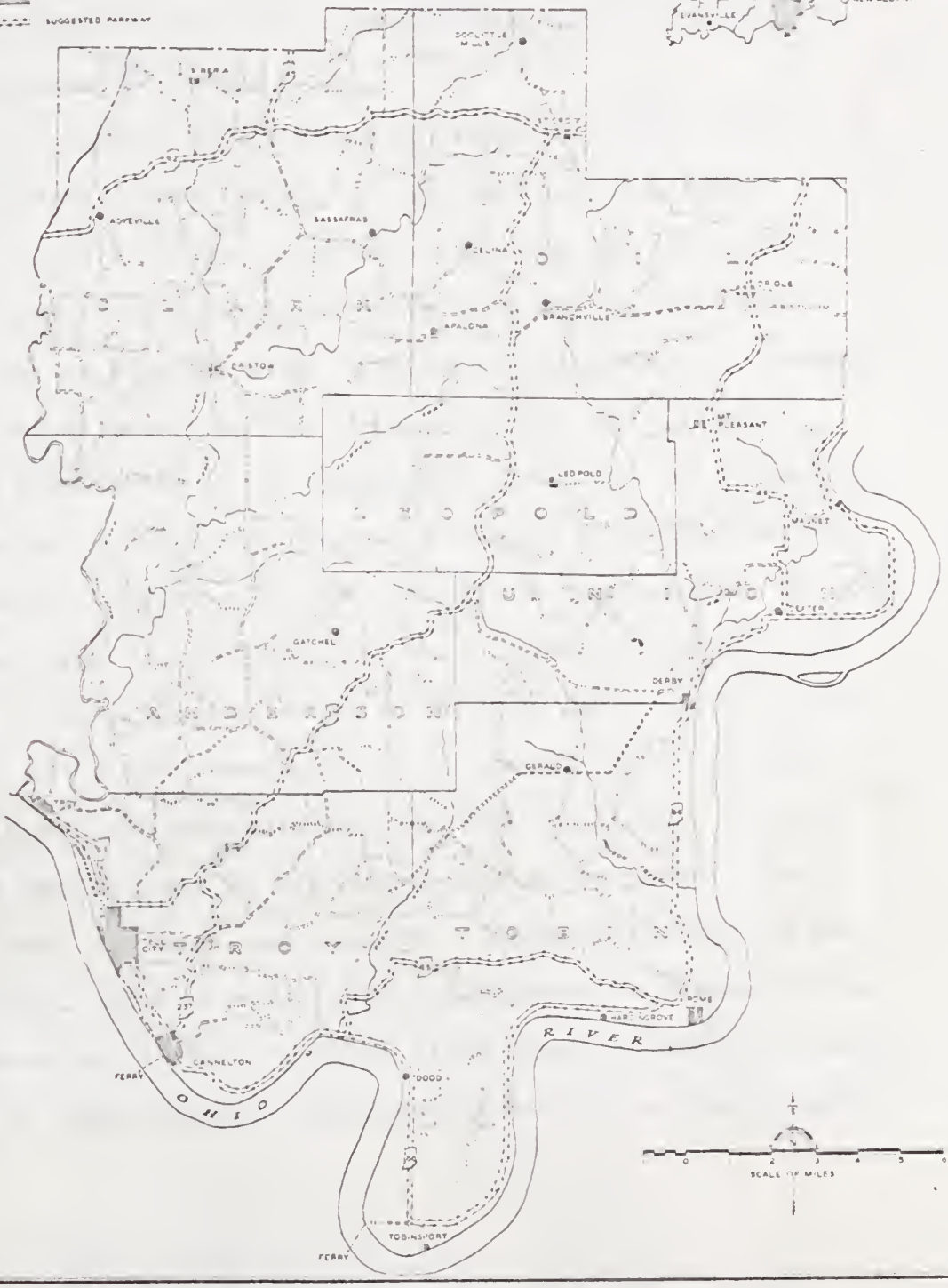
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STATE PLANNING BOARD
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- STATE AND U.S. HIGHWAYS
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HISTORY OF PERRY COUNTY

1814-1936

Perry County, situated in the southern part of the State, is bounded on the north by Dubois and Crawford Counties, on the east by Crawford County, on the west by Spencer County, and on the south by the Ohio River, which separates it from the state of Kentucky. It has an area of 384 square miles.

The topography of the county is broken with hilly surfaces cut up by narrow, fertile valleys through which run small streams. The hills, capped by massive sandstone, often rise from two hundred to four hundred feet in height. For the most part the agricultural districts are situated in the extensive bottom lands along the Ohio River, which borders the county for a distance of fifty miles.

A brief review of the relationship of the State of Indiana to America as a whole begins with the landing of the English and the settlement of Jamestown in 1607. The French founded Quebec the next year and began the exploration of the wilderness to the west. La Salle descended the Mississippi to its mouth and on April 9, 1682, claimed the entire river valley in the name of France, calling it Louisiana. This included the present State of Indiana. By 1719 French trading posts had been established on the present sites of Fort Wayne, Vincennes, and Lafayette. Commercial rivalry in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys between the French and English led to the French and Indian War, ending in the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763, by which Louisiana was ceded to Great Britain, thus becoming

a part of the colony of Virginia. On December 9, 1778, the region including most of the present State of Indiana was organized as Illinois County. After the successful termination of the American Revolution, Virginia ceded this territory to the National government and henceforth it was known as the Northwest Territory. Out of this immense empire Knox County was organized June 20, 1790, and was the first real civil government over the territory that now comprises the State of Indiana; its jurisdiction also extended to large parts of Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Indiana Territory was then created by an act of Congress which became effective July 4, 1800. Indiana was admitted to the Union in 1816.

Before the first white settlers came into Indiana, the Indian tribes composing the Miami Confederacy -- the Twightwees, Piankashaws, Weas, and Shawnees -- claimed the entire State. Later on, small bands of Potawatomis, Delawares, Shawnees, and Kickapoos, driven westward by the white colonists, settled in Indiana and in time acquired some title to certain sections of the State.

It is difficult to determine how long these tribes had lived in the State and claimed its lands when the United States Government at the Treaty of Fort Wayne, June 7, 1803, and the Treaty of Vincennes, August 18 and 27, 1804, purchased from all the Indian tribes who had any title to the land, the area now comprising Perry County. Within a year a sectional survey was completed, and the land was subject to entry for settlement at the territorial land office in Vincennes.

Among the first settlers in what is now Perry County were James McDaniel, Joseph Wright, and John Bowie, who located with their families

and negro slaves at the mouth of a stream later known as Anderson River. The exact date of their settlement is unknown, but it is certain that they entered land in Perry County (then Knox) shortly after the surveys were made. A small settlement named Troy, one of the first below the Falls of the Ohio, was established, and McDaniel's became a landing place for all Ohio River traffic. The area, included in the present Tobin Township in the southeastern part of the county, was the site of most of the early settlements. The Reverend Charles Polk entered land in the extreme southern end of the bottom lands in November, 1807; Jacob Westherholt, a veteran of the Revolution, entered land near Polk in October, 1808. In the same year Alexander Miller purchased a tract of land two miles farther up the river. John Winchel, a native of New York, settled in the neighborhood in 1809; Elias Rector entered land on the present site of Tell City in the same year; and Walt Vaughan was among the first to locate near where Cannelton now stands. In January, 1810, John Searey, a native of Wales, crossed the Ohio River from Kentucky and became the first permanent settler in Oil Township. He located on land which is now a part of the A. W. Walker farm.

Perry County, the thirteenth and last to be created before Indiana was admitted to the Union, was formed by the Territorial Legislature, September 7, 1814, out of portions of Gibson and Warrick Counties; its boundaries were described as: "Beginning on the Ohio River, where the range line passes between the fifth and sixth ranges, west of the second principal meridian where it strikes or intersects the said Ohio river, thence north with the said range line until it intersects the

township line passing between township two and three, thence east with the said township line, passing between township two and three, until it intersects the second principal meridian, or line of Harrison county, thence south with the said second principal meridian until it first strikes or intersects the Ohio river, thence down the Ohio river with the meanders thereof to the beginning." (Acts of Indiana Territory, 1814, p. 19).

A series of legislative acts gradually reduced the area of the newly-formed county. From December 21, 1816, when Pike County was formed, to January 23, 1827, Perry lost about one hundred and eight square miles of territory. When Spencer County was created on January 10, 1818, practically all that portion of Perry west of Anderson River was detached. On the same date a small section of Harrison County — about twelve square miles — was attached to Perry. On January 23, 1818, about eighteen square miles of Dubois County were added to Perry, and the twelve-mile area previously mentioned was detached when Crawford County was formed. Another area of about twenty-four square miles was detached and added to Crawford County on January 23, 1827. In 1832, by a vote in Spencer and Perry Counties, a proposed plan to establish a new county within that area was defeated.

Perry County was named in honor of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, who won a brilliant naval victory over the British fleet on Lake Erie, September 10, 1813.

The locating commissioners, named in the act forming the county, met at the home of James McDaniel, in Troy, on the third Monday of November, 1814, and selected that town for the seat of justice of the

newly-formed county. Troy was surveyed and the plat recorded in March, 1815, by the county agent, Francis Posey, the son of Thomas Posey who was the second governor of Indiana Territory.

The first county officials were Reverend Charles Polk and James McDaniel, Sr., associate judges; Solomon Lamb, clerk and recorder; Samuel Connor, sheriff; Francis Posey, coroner; Davis Floyd and Elias Roberts, prosecuting attorneys.

In 1818, when Spencer County was created and the western boundary of Perry County was moved eastward to Anderson River, Troy became unsuitable as a county seat, as it was no longer centrally located but stood on the western line of the county. Relocation commissioners met on March 2, 1815, to select a new seat of government and chose a site recently platted on the Ohio River, called Washington. Since the seat of justice of Daviess County was also named Washington, the new county seat of Perry was renamed Franklin. By 1819 the name of the new county seat was changed again, this time to Rome. In 1859, after a four-year struggle between the towns of ~~Cannelton and Rome~~, the county seat was changed to Cannelton. The actual removal of the records took place December 7, 1859.

The first term of circuit court of Perry County was called, April 3, 1815, at the home of James McDaniel, Sr., in Troy, but was adjourned until July 3, as a majority of the judges were not present. When the court finally convened, Thomas Polk had succeeded Reverend Charles Polk, who had resigned. Isaac Blackford was presiding judge of the circuit.

The first courthouse in the county was a log structure which stood on the corner of Main and Franklin Streets in Troy. The second

courthouse, in Rome, was a square, two-story brick building with a hip roof and cupola. When the county seat was moved to Cannelton, in 1859, a schoolhouse was remodeled and ~~was~~ used ~~for~~ as a courthouse. The cornerstone of the present courthouse was laid September 10, 1896, with Masonic ceremonies. It is a straw-colored pressed brick building with trimmings of Bedford limestone, a pure example of Italian Renaissance style architecture.

There are seven townships in Perry County: Anderson, Clark, Leopold, Oil, Tobin, Troy, and Union. The incorporated cities and towns are Cannelton, Tell City, and Troy.

The natural resources of Perry County are coal, stone, and clay, from which many products are manufactured. The industries of the county include canning, milling, and the manufacture of textiles, office and porch furniture, truck bodies, and plumbing supplies.

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The tendency toward centralization of power in the hands of State authorities has taken from the county officials many of their powers and duties and has greatly lessened the scope of those remaining. In the older fields of finance, roads, and education, the State's supervision has greatly increased, and creation of newer State departments, such as police, food and fire inspection, and public welfare, have caused heavy erosion of local responsibility and control.

County offices fall into two main groups, constitutional and legislative, depending on the authority under which they exist and operate. The offices provided for in the present Constitution are those of auditor, treasurer, recorder, surveyor, sheriff, coroner, and clerk of the circuit court. Two more officers--circuit judge and prosecuting attorney--belong legally to the circuit, which may include several counties, but for practical purposes they should be considered as county offices. Court sessions are held in each county, and records are kept accordingly. All other offices have originated in legislative enactment.

Each county has its own individual governmental set-up. Although the Constitution of 1851 forbids special legislation, the general assembly has provided necessary variations for counties, by classification based chiefly on population. Urban and rural areas obviously cannot be governed by the same system or number of officers. Every county has the constitutional offices, but the statutory officers vary greatly in number, powers, and duties. The latter may be compulsory in all counties, or they may be optional and therefore are established in only a few instances; others may be authorized in only certain classes of counties, though the class may include but one county.

Indiana stands alone among the States of the Union in having a dual system of county governing boards. Each county is governed by a board of commissioners (popularly called the "county board") and a county council. Their duties, with all technical distinctions, are enumerated in their proper places below.

Administration

The county system of government is an inheritance from England and the American colonies, whence pioneers in Hoosierland brought their customs and laws. Its beginnings in Indiana are found in the laws of the Northwest Territory, which provided for a governing body called the board of county commissioners (Laws of Northwest Territory, Acts 1792, Ch. 5, Sec.3). The administrative duties were executed by the sheriff (Ibid. 1788, Ch. 2, Sec. 6), clerk (Ibid. Ch. 2, p. 11), coroner (Ibid. Ch. 9, Sec. 1), and recorder (Ibid. 1795, p. 102, Sec. 1). Under the laws of Indiana Territory of 1802, the office of county surveyor was established (Laws of Indiana Territory, 1802, Ch. 1, Sec. 1).

At the organization of Perry County, these offices were established under the authority of the Laws of Indiana Territory. The Constitution of 1816 took for granted the organization as it then existed, mentioning by name only the recorder, sheriff, clerk, and coroner. Modifications were made by the legislature from time to time without material change. The office of the treasurer was created by the legislature in 1817. (Acts 1817, Ch. 17, p. 119.) The office of the auditor was created by an act of the general assembly in 1841. (Acts 1841, Ch. 2, Sec. 1,) ~~General Laws of 1841.)~~ At the constitutional convention in 1851 the Constitution of 1816 was thoroughly revised, and the Constitution of 1851 has, with a few alterations by later amendents, remained the Constitution of Indiana.

The Constitution of 1851 provides for the election of a clerk of the circuit court, who keeps the records of the proceedings of all the courts in the county; an auditor, who keeps records of county financial matters and records dealing in real property and the estates of private citizens; a recorder, whose duties are to keep a record of every conveyance or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded; a treasurer, who receives all money coming to the county and keeps a record of same; a sheriff, who is conservator of the peace and who carries out court orders; a coroner, who investigates violent deaths and those in suspicious circumstances; and a surveyor, who prepares plans and specifications for the improvement of public works and established boundaries for public and private lands and since 1933 has charge of drainage systems. (Ind. Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2.) Since the adoption of the constitution, the general assembly has prescribed the establishment of additional departments.

The present leading governing body of the county is the board of commissioners, often called the "county board", elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member retires each year. The board provides buildings to house county business, furnishes public squares and grounds, audits the accounts of county officers who handle money, changes boundaries of townships as it sees fit, and is charged with the maintenance of county roads and highways. (1 Ind. Rev. Stat., 1852, Ch. 20, Sec. 1; Sec. 26-801, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

By an act of 1873, a county board of education was created. The board consists of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city and town of the county. The duties of the board are to consider the general wants and needs of the schools and matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, charts, etc. (Acts 1873; Sec. 28-801, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1873, by legislative enactment, the office of county superintendent of schools was created. The superintendent is elected by the township trustees and serves for a term of four years. His duties are specifically set out in the statutes, and he is under the jurisdiction of the state board of public instruction. (Acts 1873, 1899; Sec. 28-702, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

An act of 1891 created the office of health commissioner, who is elected by the county commissioners to serve for a term of four years. It is his duty to safeguard the health and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to keep records of contagious diseases, births, deaths, and marriages. (Acts 1891; Sec. 35-108, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

By an act of 1891 the office of county assessor was created. The assessor is nominated in the primary and elected at the regular election for a four-year term. His duties are to assess real and personal property, to instruct the township assessors to carry out the orders of the state tax board, and to act as president of the county board of review. (Acts 1891; Ch. 99.)

An act of 1891 created the county board of review, whose members are to consist of the county assessor, county auditor, and county treasurer. (Acts 1891; ~~Ch. 99.~~) This act was amended in 1919 to include two free-holders of opposite political parties as members of the board. The duties of this board are to equalize unfair assessments on real and personal property, either for the county or against it. (Acts 1919; Sec. 64-1201, ~~Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.~~)

By legislative enactment in 1899, a county council was created. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. One member is elected from each councilmanic district by the citizens of the district and three members are elected at large from the county. The county auditor acts as clerk of the council. The council has power to fix certain tax rates, the exclusive right to make appropriations out of the county treasury, and the exclusive right to authorize the borrowing of money for the county. (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-501, 26-502, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1907, a legislative act created a county board of finance, consisting of the board of county commissioners. The county auditor acts as secretary. This board has the custody and selects the depositories of the county funds. (Acts 1907; Sec. 61-605, 61-607; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The General Assembly of 1935 repealed this act and in the

same session revived it as part of the depository act, re-establishing the board of finance practically unaltered. (Acts 1935; Sec. 61-606, 61-628, 61-631 to 61-639; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1936 Supplement.)

By an act of 1913, the legislature made provisions for the creation of the office of agricultural agent, legally termed county agent, but commonly referred to by the descriptive name. Inasmuch as the agent of the State in the sale of State lands originally was called the county agent, it is better to conform to popular usage. The act provides that this office may come into existence whenever a certain number of the residents of the county shall petition the county board of education, whereupon the appointment is made by Purdue University and ratified by the county board of education. The appointment is made annually. Upon the proper petition, this office was established in Perry County, July 1, 1920. The duties of the county agent are to disseminate information for the promotion and advancement of agriculture, horticulture, and domestic science. (Acts 1913; Sec. 28-4911; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) By an act of 1931, the office of home demonstration agent was created, and is supplemental to the office of the county agricultural agent. (Acts 1931; Sec. 28-5627, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

The office of superintendent of highways, established in 1913, was abolished by an act of 1933 and the office of highway supervisor established. The supervisor is appointed by the board of commissioners. He has general supervision of all county highways, roads and bridges. (Acts 1933; Sec. 36-1110, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1933 the legislature created a county board of tax adjustment. The board consists of one member of the county council, selected by the

council, and six members appointed by the judge of the circuit court. This board has the power, as it deems necessary to revise, to change or reduce, but not to increase any tax levy or any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based. (Acts 1933; Sec. 64-304, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

The county board of public welfare was created by the acts of 1936. The board consists of five members appointed by the circuit court to serve for a term of four years. The board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, to aged persons, and to all those who are otherwise handicapped. (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1117, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1936 Supplement.)

Judicial

The judicial system of Perry County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the ~~State~~ Constitution and the subsequent legislative enactments of the Indiana General Assembly. The Constitution authorized and directed the general assembly to divide the whole State into judicial circuits as the need arose. Perry and Spencer Counties form the seventieth circuit, established in 1919. (Acts 1919; Sec. 4-332, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The Constitution further provides for the election of a judge of the circuit court, and the election of a prosecuting attorney for each circuit. (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 9-11.)

In 1852, by a legislative act the court of common pleas was created. (Acts 1852.) This court continued in existence until it was abolished by an act of the legislature in 1873. In earlier times, the common pleas court was a subdivision of the circuit court for certain causes, and had no independent existence.

Records System

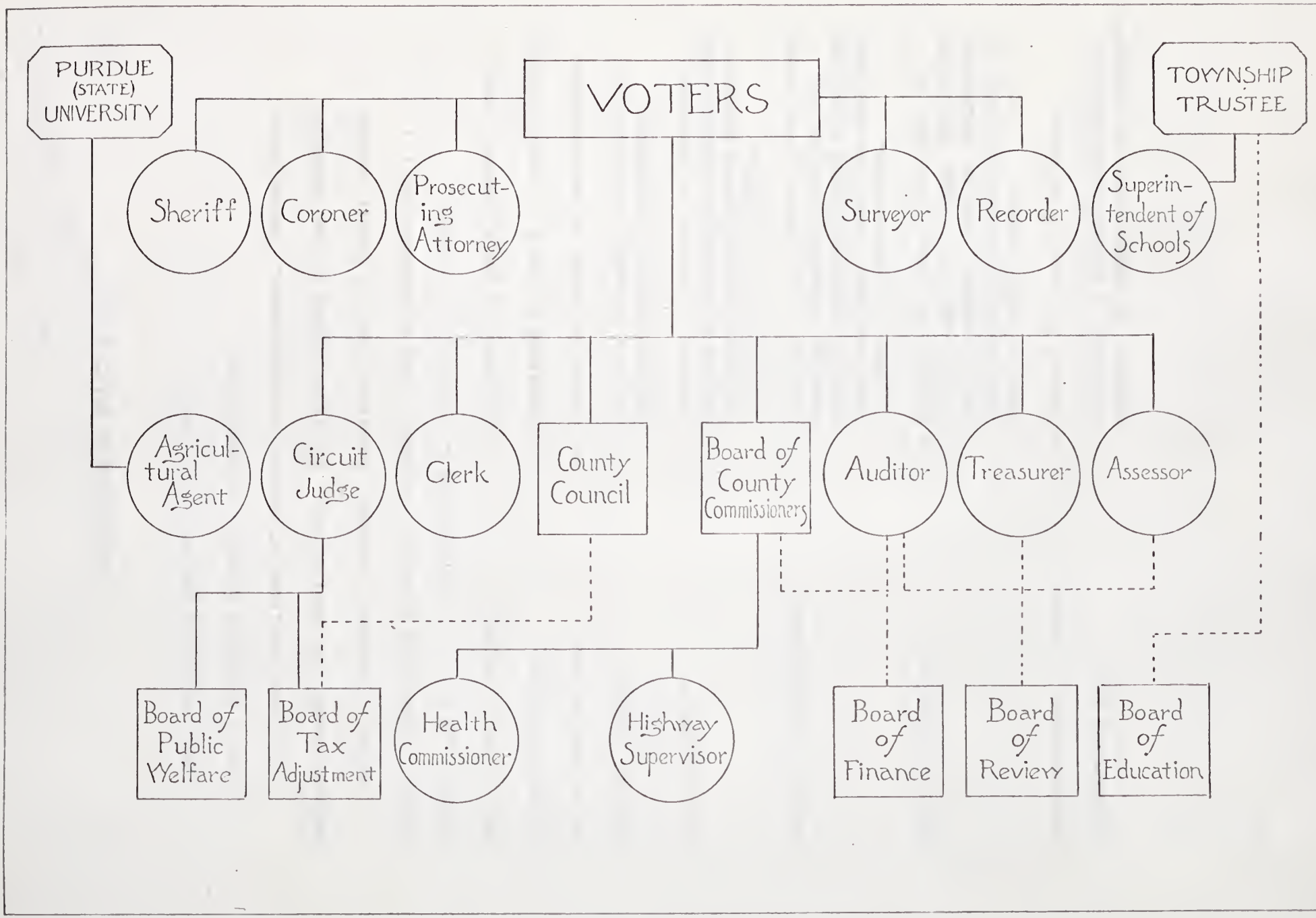
The establishment of each of these offices caused the beginning of separate records as prescribed by the general assembly under the provisions for each respective office. In many of the smaller offices no permanent records have been kept; therefore no survey could be made. Perry County followed its own form of accounting until, in 1909, the legislature established the state board of accounts, which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. (Acts 1909; Sec. 6-202, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The law also permits the use of bound looseleaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the board of county commissioners, except that a good quality is required.

Whenever it may be necessary ~~for the preservation of~~ to preserve the records of any office from mutilation, the board of county commissioners issues an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records for preservation. (Acts 1883; Sec. 26-634, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1925 a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the State archives bureau for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. (Acts 1925; Sec. 63-830, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

This law is optional and has been ineffectual. County officials are loath to part with records, even when no longer used and in spite of lack of storage space, for fear of a possible need for them. Consequently, they have only occasionally availed themselves of this provision for permanent preservation of their old records.

The Historical Records Survey will, in due time, submit sample forms of types of records now in use in the several bureaus of county government. From a study of these forms a model arrangement may be organized for the uniform creation of public records, so that the records created daily may be preserved for posterity.


PURDUE (STATE) UNIVERSITY
VOTERS
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
Sheriff
Coroner
Prosecuting Attorney
Surveyor
Recorder
Superintendent of Schools
Agricultural Agent
Circuit Judge
Clerk
County Council
Board of County Commissioners
Auditor
Treasurer
Assessor
Board of Public Welfare
Board of Tax Adjustment
Health Commissioner
Highway Supervisor
Board of Finance
Board of Review
Board of Education

Circles represent individual officers.

Squares represent agencies in board form.

Solid lines are lines of election or appointment. Broken lines indicate ex-officio relationship. All lines should be read downward.

Auditor, Treasurer, Surveyor, Recorder, Clerk of Court, Coroner, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Assessor, Board of Commissioners, Council, and Judge of Circuit Court -- all elected by voters.

Board of Public Welfare	-- Appointed by judge, circuit court.
Highway Supervisor	-- Appointed by board of commissioners.
Health Commissioner	-- Elected by board of commissioners.
Board of Finance	-- Consists of county commissioners, with the auditor as secretary.
Board of Review	-- Composed of assessor as president, auditor as secretary, treasurer, and two freeholders of county appointed by judge of circuit court.
Board of Tax Adjustment	-- Composed of one member of the county council, a township trustee, the mayor, a member of school board, and three resident freeholders appointed by judge of circuit court.
Board of Education	-- Composed of township trustees of Perry County, the county superintendent of schools, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city or town in Perry County.
Superintendent of Schools	-- Elected by township trustees.
Agricultural Agent	-- Appointed by Purdue University with approval of county board of education.

In Cannelton, Indiana, on ground which rises slightly higher than the surrounding town, is the courthouse of Perry County. Constructed in 1896 of yellow brick trimmed with Bedford stone, it is of small but adequate size, extending ninety-six feet in length, fifty-two feet in width, and sixty feet in height; the building is ninety per cent fire-proof. County offices and record storage rooms are located in the basement and the first and second floors--the offices of the commissioners and the highway supervisor, and two storage rooms in the basement; the offices of the clerk, the prosecutor, the assessor, the recorder, the auditor, the treasurer, and the sheriff on the first floor; and the offices of the agricultural agent and the superintendent of schools on the second floor.

Clerk

On the northwest corner of the first floor are the clerk's office and vault. The office is located on the extreme corner and is used only for the transaction of business, no records being kept there. The record room to the east of the office is 15' by 13' by 12', clean, with plaster walls and ceiling and wooden floors in good condition. Ventilation and lighting is good, but the shelving carries 200' of bound and 10' of unbound records, leaving little space for expansion and none for new shelving. Poor accommodations are provided for users of the records, as the room contains but one table and no chairs. Here are housed 90% of the clerk's records, the other 10% being in the two basement storage rooms. In addition, this room contains all the coroner's records.

Recorder

The recorder's office and record room are located on the northwest corner of the building, the former containing none of the recorder's records. The record room, to the east of the office, measures 20' by 10' by 12' and is well lighted and clean. Tile flooring and plastered walls and ceiling are in good condition; the ventilation, however, is poor. The records, consisting of 360' of bound volumes, nearly fill the steel-roller shelving, allowing but 28' for expansion; there is no space for additional shelving. Users of the records are provided with two tables and two chairs, accommodations which are quite sufficient. All of the recorder's records are housed in this room.

Sheriff

The sheriff's office occupies a small room on the southwest corner of the first floor. The wooden floor measures 15' by 11'; the ceiling ~~are~~ 12' high and ~~are~~ plastered, as are the walls; all ~~these are~~ clean and in good condition. The room is well lighted and well ventilated, and the construction of shelving would provide adequate housing for future records. Records now housed here consist of 1' of bound volumes on a desk. Persons who consult the records have the use of one desk, one table, and two chairs. About 50% of the sheriff's records are kept in this room, the remainder being housed in the basement storage rooms.

Auditor

The auditor's office consists of a main office and a vault, two small rooms on the southeast corner of the first floor. No records are housed in the office. Atmospheric and lighting conditions are good in the vault,

and its linoleum-covered wood floor, its plastered walls and ceiling, are likewise in good shape. The steel-roller shelving with which the room is equipped is entirely occupied by 170' of bound volumes and 85' of file boxes 10" deep, but no space for new shelving is available. Two desks, one table, and one stool are the only accommodations in the limited space which can be furnished to users. Approximately three-fifths, or 60% of the auditor's records, are housed here; the others are kept in the basement storage rooms.

Assessor

The assessor's office is a small room between the offices of the recorder and the prosecutor on the north side of the first floor. Plastered walls and ceiling and wooden floor are all clean and in good shape, and ventilation is good. Measuring 17' by 12' by 12', the room nevertheless is large enough to house conveniently such records as are kept here and allow ample room for expansion. Records ~~housed here~~ comprise 30' of bound volumes; ~~this leaves~~ 14' of shelving for expansion. Beyond that, there is space for new shelving. ~~With good~~ lighting, two tables, one counter, one desk, one bench, and two chairs provide sufficient accommodations for persons consulting the records. Approximately 50% of the assessor's records are housed in this room and the rest in the basement storage room 1.

Treasurer

The treasurer's office consists of one large room on the south side of the first floor, between the sheriff's and auditor's offices. The room is well lighted, clean, and well ventilated, and the condition of

the wooden floor and plastered ceiling and walls is good. Twenty feet of wooden shelving placed under a counter house 85% of the treasurer's records. These comprise 15' of bound volumes, thus allowing for considerable expansion; there is also room for new shelving when needed. One counter, two tables, five chairs, and two stools are available for users of the records. The remaining records of the treasurer are in the two basement storage rooms.

Superintendent of Schools

The office of the superintendent of schools is a moderately-sized room measuring 17' by 15' by 12' occupying the southwest corner of the second floor. The room is well ventilated and clean, and the wood floor and plaster walls and ceiling are in good condition. ~~The shelving in~~ this room ~~consists~~ has of 24' of wooden shelving along the east and west walls ~~this is~~ filled with 18' of bound volumes and 6' of unbound records, but the arrangement is not compact, and space is available ~~without new shelving. There is space~~ for new shelving, however, when needed. The room is well lighted, and this, with the equipment of one desk, one table, and six chairs, makes study of the records more convenient. Ninety-five per cent of the superintendent's records are located here, the remainder being housed in the basement storage room 1.

Health Commissioner

The bureau of the health commissioner, Dr. P. J. Coultas, is located at present in his office at Main and Jefferson Streets, Tell City, Indiana. A moderately sized room, it is clean and well ventilated and lighted, both by natural and artificial lighting. The plastered ceiling and walls and

the wooden floor are in good condition, but shelving should be installed, since the records are stacked on the floor and table; these records consist of 33' of bound volumes. A davenport, a table, and two chairs are provided for users of the records. All ~~the~~ records of the health commissionor are kept in this office.

Surveyor

In the southeast corner of the basement is the surveyor's office, a large room which is also occupied by the highway supervisor. The concrete flooring and stucco walls and ceiling are in excellent condition; the room is clean and fairly dry; but the ventilation, atmospheric conditions, and lighting, especially the latter, are poor. Poor accommodations are provided for those who wish to consult the records. These records consist of 1' of bound volumes and 3' of unbound records, 8' for expansion being left on the shelving. There is no room for new shelving, but none is thought to be necessary. About 25% of the surveyor's records are housed here; the remaining 75% are in the basement storage room 2.

Agricultural Agent

The office of the agricultural agent is located on the northeast corner of the second floor. It consists of one room well lighted, naturally and artificially, and well ventilated. The condition of the wood floors and the plaster ceiling and walls is good. Twelve feet of shelving extend along the south wall of the room, 11' of which house unbound records in file boxes, leaving very little room for expansion. New shelving can be installed. Accommodations for users comprise two desks, one table, and six chairs--quite sufficient for present needs. All of the agricultural agent's records are in this room.

Basement Storage Rooms

Many records are housed in the two basement storage rooms, located on the north side of the basement. Both rooms are in good condition and well lighted, with ventilation running from fair in room 1 to poor in room 2. Temperature varies in both rooms, and dust and soot are present in large quantities.

Measuring 12' by 15' by 9', storage room 1 has a concrete floor and plastered walls and ceiling. Records of the commissioners, clerk, sheriff, auditor, assessor, treasurer, and superintendent of schools--comprising 140' of bound volumes and 260' of unbound records--are housed here. There are only 144' of shelving, the remaining records being stacked on the floor; additional shelving is badly needed to care for present demands. One table furnishes the only accommodation for users.

Storage room 2, narrower by 5' than room 1, houses the records of the clerk, sheriff, auditor, and treasurer. It ~~is built with~~ a concrete floor, brick walls, and plaster ceiling, and equipped with 140' of shelving. Records here consist of 100' of bound volumes, and at present the room is crowded. Rearrangement, however, will go far toward relieving the congestion. No accommodations for users are supplied in this room.

Review

The foregoing may be summarized in order to point out more specifically and to make clearer the needs for better housing of records. This is, in no way, designed to reflect upon ~~or to dictate to~~ the county officials, but to help them in arousing public interest.

Crowding in the clerk's vault might be relieved by removing the inactive recorder's records to the office of the incumbent. This would have the effect of decentralizing the records and would be, at best, only a temporary expedient, but it would not require a great expenditure. The recorder's vault is not at all crowded at present, but, if possible, more space for expansion should be allowed. Conditions are satisfactory in the sheriff's office. The auditor's vault is crowded; and the custodian recommends ten square feet of additional floor space and ten feet of steel-roller shelves. Conditions are satisfactory in the assessor's, the treasurer's, the superintendent of school's, and the health commissioner's offices. There is little room for expansion in the surveyor's office, but since not many records are kept there, there is enough room for future records. The county agent's office is crowded, but an estimated ten additional feet of shelving would house present records properly and allow room for future records. Lighting also should be improved in the surveyor's office. Conditions are poor in the two basement storage rooms, but a WPA project has been organized for improving them. In many offices accommodations for users are insufficient, but this will doubtless be remedied as the need becomes apparent.

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

alph.	alphabetical or alphabetically
Ann.	----- Annotated
Art.	Article
arr.	arranged
aver.	average
bdl.	bundle
Bldg.	Building
Ch.	Chapter
chron.	chronological or chronologically
C. C.	County Courthouse
Const.	Constitution
hdw.	handwritten
ibid.	Ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana
Infra.	Below
NE.	Northeast
no.	number
nos.	numbers
NW.	Northwest
off.	office
p., pp.	Page, pages
q. v.	Which see

Rev. Stat.	Revised Statutes
rm.	room
Sec.	Section
SE.	Southeast
stg.	storage
SW.	Southwest
Supra.	Above
twp.	township
U. S.	United States
vol., vols.	Volume, volumes
vt.	vault

Other abbreviations occasionally used will be obvious from the context.

Explanation to Inventory

The inventory of the records of each bureau is preceded by an explanatory section, giving legal status and functions of each.

Each entry has two parts, or paragraphs: Title and description. Occasionally an entry will have a cross-reference paragraph.

I. The title consists of:

1. Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively within the county.

2. Titles in capitals, enclosed in parentheses, are supplied by the Historical Records Survey, because either the volume or file has no title or an incorrect ~~title~~ one. Words in capitals and lower case, enclosed in parentheses, are supplementary to the title, where it is necessary to explain the type of records more fully.

3. Period covered by the record, showing beginning and ending dates. A dash in place of an ending date denotes a continuous open record.

4. Quantity.

5. Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one volume ~~or of v. 1 only~~, the marking is omitted.

6. Variation in numbering.

7. Missing volumes.

8. Variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

1. A complete description of the record, its contents, and its purpose, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated.

2. Method of (indexing or arrangement.)

3. Nature of recording.

4. Condition. Unless good or excellent, in which case, it is omitted.

5. Number of pages, averaged for a series.

6. Size, averaged for a series, is given in inches unless otherwise specified; hence the inch sign is omitted.

7. Location.

III. Cross references made to other entries.

1. For records which have a separate index.

2. For records having earlier or later recordings under a different title or type of record.

3. For records for which additional information may be found in other entries.

I. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The board of commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. (I Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Sec. 26-601, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Perry County had a board of commissioners prior to 1852 which was provided for in the Constitution of 1816. The inception date of this office in Perry County is 1814. All of the records ~~of this office~~ are located in the courthouse ~~unless otherwise stated~~.

The board of commissioners holds twelve monthly sessions. It makes orders respecting the property of the county, sells, purchases, takes care of, and preserves the property. It allows all accounts chargeable against the county not otherwise provided for and directs the raising of sums necessary for expenses, audits accounts of all officers, provides election supplies, and maintains highways. It may abolish or change township or precinct boundary lines, establish libraries and hospitals, aid war veterans, pay bounties, offer rewards, and appoint deputy sheriffs, highway, and drainage commissioners. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1863, 1865, 1879 special session, 1885, 1897, 1913, 1921, and 1929; Sec. 26-601 to 26-639, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Court Proceedings

1. COMMISSIONERS RECORD, 1847--. 25 vols. (D-Z, 1-2). Vols. A, B, and C, prior to 1847, missing.

Minutes of the meetings and special sessions of commissioners, showing

Court Proceedings--(continued)

matters considered, actions, and decisions. Indexed alph. by ~~numbers~~ topics. Hdw. 580 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Auditor's off.

For records 1830-37, see entry 3.

2. COMMISSIONER'S DOCKET, 1874-1911. 9 vols. (1-7,910) ~~(1-10).~~ ~~Vol. 8,~~ 1900-1903, missing.

Claims and petitions filed with commissioners for action, showing name of petitioners, date entered, subject matter, cause no., and decision. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Basement stg. rm. 1.

For earlier and later records, see entry 1.

3. (MINUTES OF MEETINGS), 1830-37. 2 file boxes.

Minutes of meetings of commissioners and detailed records of proceedings. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Auditor's vt.

For later records, see entry 1.

4. TREASURER'S STATEMENT TO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 1842-43.

1 file box.

Reports of financial status, showing money drawn from school funds, twp. expenditures, balances, borrowers of school funds, amounts and balances. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg.rm. 1.

5. REFUNDING BONDS, 1900-20. 6 file boxes.

Recapitulation sheets pertaining to interest-bearing bonds, showing nos., amount, and total amount of bonds, dates due for principal and interest, and signatures of commissioners and auditor. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Petitions

6. (ROAD PETITIONS), 1818--. 49 file boxes. (1819-60, missing.)

Court Proceedings--Petitions(Continued)

Requests for road construction or repairs, showing name of petitioners, name and location of road, surveyors, viewer and highway supervisor. No index. 14 x 11 x 12. Auditor's off.

Claims and Allowances

7. REGISTER OF ALLOWANCES, 1873--. 5 vols. (1879-90, and 1900-18, missing.

Complete accounting of allowances for bridges, roads, upkeep and repairs of county buildings and other property. Arr. chron. Mdw. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1873-78, basement stg. rm. 1; 4 vols., 1896--, auditor's off.

8. CLAIMS, 1852-94. 5 file boxes.

Auditor's claims for services submitted to commissioners, showing date of claim, itemized claim and amount, total, and auditor's affidavits and acknowledgment. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

9. COMMISSIONER'S COURT PAPERS, 1842-99. 5 file boxes.

Petitions for improvements and claims for material furnished and services rendered, showing date petitioned, claim, subject matter, amount, and signatures. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

For later records, see entry 1.

10. CLAIMS, STATE INSTITUTIONS, 1857-1923. 5 file boxes. (1877-80, 1884-1919, 1923-28, missing.

Claims filed by state institutions for reimbursement for articles and materials furnished to county patients or wards, showing name and address of recipient, supplies furnished, amount, and certification of claim. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Court Proceedings--Claims and Allowances(continued)

11. BURIAL RECORD OF SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, 1861-1869.

1 vol. 1417706

Burial record of deceased U. S. veterans, showing names of soldier, age, date of enlistment, service record, rank, date of death, cause, and burial places. No.index. Mdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Auditor's off.

12. POOR RELIEF REPORTS, 1829--. 2 file boxes. 1841-1935, missing.

Report on poor relief, showing applicant's name, address, color, case history, date, kind, and amount aid given. Arr. chron. 15 x 10 x 8. Auditor's off.

13. OLD AGE PENSIONS GRANTED, 1935-38. 1 file box.

Record of old age pensions granted ~~to applicants~~, showing name of applicant, age, residence and length of same, date and place of birth, and case history. Arr. alph. by applicants' names. 26 x 15 x 6. Auditor's off.

Requisitions, Bids and Contracts

14. REQUISITIONS, 1935-1938. 2 file boxes.

Requests of county officials to commissioners for purchase of materials and supplies needed, showing date requested, kind, grade, class, estimated cost of goods, and attest of requisitioning officer. No index. 4 x 7 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

15. BIDDER'S RECORD, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of all bids submitted and accepted, showing name of bidder, address, materials, supplies or service offered, and amount of cost. Indexed alph. by bidder's names. Mdw. 200 pp. 14 x 14 x 2. Auditor's vt.

Court Proceedings--Requisitions, Bids and Contracts(continued)

16. BIDS AND SPECIFICATIONS, 1909-27. 2 file boxes.

Record of bids on requisitioned materials and supplies, showing date of bid, kind, grade, itemized prices and total amount of bid, agreement, guarantee, and bidder's signatures. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

17. (CONTRACTS), 1889-1921. 35 file boxes.

Original contract accepted by commissioners and bidders, showing specifications of contract, name of contractor, agreements and obligations, total amount, bond, sureties and attest. No index. 4 x 3 x 12. Auditor's off.

Roads, Bridges and Buildings

18. ROAD BONDS, 1918-24. 4 file boxes.

Retired road bonds, showing serial no., kind of road, name, road system, amount, interest rate, and bank where payable. No index. 4 x 7 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

19. (LINCOLN NATIONAL HIGHWAY), 1842. 1 file box.

Road papers and filed notes pertaining to roads, showing road from Tobinsport, which was used in establishing Lincoln route through Perry County. No index. 3 x 4 x 10. Auditor's vt.

20. TAX LEVIES, 1935--. 1 file box.

W. P. A. project estimates, showing date estimated, work to be done, and location of project. No index. 26 x 15 x 6. Auditor's off.

II COUNTY COUNCIL

In 1899 the legislature created the county council. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. One member is elected from each councilmanic district by the voters of the district, and three members are elected at large from the county. The council elects its own president and the ~~county~~ auditor acts as its clerk. The ~~county~~ sheriff is required to execute the orders of the council. (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-501 and 2, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Perry County is 1899. All the records ~~of this office~~ are located in the courthouse, ~~unless otherwise stated~~.

The power ~~of~~ to fix~~ing~~ the tax rate ~~there~~ it is not fixed by law, is vested in the council, as well as the power to appropriate ~~money to be paid out of the~~ county money (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-515, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

The council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-520, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933), as well as emergency appropriations (Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Sec. 26-521, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

The council has the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds (Acts 1899; 1921, 1929; Sec. 26-532, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of $1000 or more shall ~~take place~~ be made without authorization by the council (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-501, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

21. BUDGETS, 1935--. 3 file boxes.

Budget estimates of the county offices for the next year, showing itemized contemplated expenditures. Arr. chron. 20 x 15 x 6. Auditor's off.

22. APPOINTMENT PAPERS, 1901-11. 1 file box.

Certificates of appointment of county council members, showing date appointed, name and address of appointee, and signatures of treasurer, auditor and clerk as appointing body. No index. Hdw. 4 x 7 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

III. CLERK

The clerk of the circuit court is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Sec. 49-2701, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Perry County is 1814. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse ~~unless otherwise stated~~.

The clerk preserves all records and writings filed in his office. He keeps a set of dockets for all county courts such as appearance, bar, judgment, and execution. He also keeps an order and final record book. He attends the sessions of the circuit court and enters in the proper record book all orders, judgments, and decrees of the court; keeps a complete record of all causes where the title to land is involved, and of criminal causes where the punishment is death or imprisonment. He is authorized to receive all funds ordered to be paid into the court. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1859, 1867, 1875, 1879 special session, 1929, and 1933; Sec. 49-2701 to 49-2725, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Elections

Voters

23. VOTER'S AFFIDAVITS, 1932. 1 file box.

Affidavits of voters, showing voter's notice of intention to hold residence, voter's name, precinct, date filed, State, county, location of voting place, and voter's signature, and clerk's signature. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm.

Elections--Voters(continued)

24. ABSENT VOTER'S RECORD, 1918--. 1 vol.

Record of voters casting ballot due to absence from voting precinct, showing name of voter, reason for absence, and date of ballot. Arr. alph. by voter's name. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

25. ELECTION AND PRIMARY PAPERS, 1854--. 24 file boxes. (1896-1916, missing).

Declarations of candidacy for county and twp. offs. showing State, county, town, twp., ward, precinct, candidate's party, address, date filed, name of off. sought and candidate's signature. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

26. CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION, 1847-1906. 3 file boxes.

Certificates of nomination of candidates seeking offices, showing candidates' name, address, and office. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Canvass

27. ELECTION RECORD, 1890--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of election returns, showing name of candidate, address, and no. of votes cast. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

Official and Retailer's bond
(See entries 103-104)

County

28. OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1891--. 2 vols. (2,2). Vol. 1, prior to 1891, missing.

Record of county official's bonds, showing official's name, date and amount

Official and Retailer's Bonds--County(continued)

of bond, and name of surety. Indexed alph. by name of official bonded. Hdw. on printed form. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 29.

29. OFFICIAL BONDS, 1835-1903. 9 file boxes. 1840-70, 1884-85, 1887-89, missing.

Original official bonds, showing State, county, date of bond, notary's name, and name of official bonded. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

30. COMMISSIONERS' BOND, 1873--. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted by commissioners, showing date and amount of bond, and name of surety. Indexed alph. by name of bonded commissioner. Hdw. on printed form. 645 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

Township

31. NOTARIAL BOND RECORD, 1890--. 3 vols. (2-4). Vol. 1, prior to 1890, missing.

Record of bonds posted by notaries, justices of the peace, and constables, showing name of office holder, address, surety, date posted, and amount of bond. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt..

For earlier records, see entry 32.

32. BONDS(NOTARY, CONSTABLE, AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE), 1914-1916. 13 file boxes.

Original bonds of notaries, constables, and justices of the peace, showing name of bondsman, name of official, amount of bond, conditions and obligations,

Official and Retailer's bonds--Townships(continued)

acceptance, approval, and acknowledgment. No index. 4 x 7 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

For later records, see entry 31.

Retailers

33. RETAILERS BOND RECORD, 1877-1918. 4 vols. (1-4). Record of retailer's bonds issued for selling liquor in quantities less than a quart, showing name of dealer, business address, amount of bond, name of surety, and date. Indexed alph. by name of retailer. Hdw. on printed form. 365 pp. 13 x 11 x 1. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Licenses

Marriages

34. MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1815--. 18 vols. (1-18). Record of marriage licenses issued, showing names of man and woman, ages, names of parents, place of birth, ~~date of birth~~, statistics, and date license was issued. Indexed alph. by name of males. Hdw. on printed form. 575 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

35. MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT RECORD, 1880-1918. 4 vols. (3, and 3 vols. not numbered). Record of affidavits ~~as to~~ ages of couples to be married, showing names of bride and groom, attestation of legal age, date license issued, and names of witnesses. Indexed alph. by names of bride and groom. Hdw. 280 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. 3 vols.,1880-98, basement stg. rm. 1; 1 vol., 1899-1918, clerk's off.

For earlier and later records, see entry 34.

Licenses--Marriages(continued)

36. AFFIDAVITS OF MARRIAGE, 1860-1900. 2 file boxes.

Affidavits certifying that couple to be married is of legal age, showing names of bride and groom, ages, date filed, and signatures of persons making affidavits. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

For earlier and later records, see entry 35.

37. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, 1897--. 11 file boxes.

Certificates of marriage made by party performing ceremony, showing State, county, names of bride and groom, date of marriage, and signature of party performing ceremony. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Professional

38. PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE RECORD, 1885--. 2 vols. (1 vol. not numbered).

Record of licenses and certificates issued to physicians to practice medicine, showing name of applicants, age, residence, school of medicine, dates of graduation, and date license was issued. Indexed alph. by applicant's name. Hdw. Condition poor. 296 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. 1 vol., 1885-96, assessor's off.; 1 vol., 1896--, clerk's off.

39. LICENCE APPLICATIONS, 1885-1904. 2 file boxes.

Affidavits of physicians, showing that applicant has practiced surgery and medicine for three years, and giving applicant's name, from what medical college graduated, date, and signature. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

For later records, see entry 38.

~~Certificates~~

~~Records~~

40. INSURANCE AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY, 1866-94. 9 file boxes.

Certificates of authority issued insurance agents by auditor of state, showing name of agent, age, address, name of company, address, and date issued. ~~No index.~~ 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

41. INDEX TO INSURANCE CERTIFICATES, 1877-84. 1 vol.

Index to entry 40, showing location of certificate by file box no. rr. alph. by name of insurance company. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 1. Basement stg. rm. 1.

42. INSURANCE RECORD, 1910-19. 1 vol.

Record of appointment of agents for insurance companies, showing name of company, name of agent, residence of agent, date filed, location of company, and financial condition of company. Indexed alph. by name of insurance company. Hdw. 420 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Clerk's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 40.

43. PATENT RECORD, 1869-89. 1 vol.

Record of patent rights granted by U. S. Government, showing name of inventor, type of invention, name of invention, patent no., and date filed. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 493 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Basement stg. rm. 1.

44. CHARACTER CERTIFICATE, RETAIL GROCER, 1850. 1 file box.

Record of application for grocer's license and affidavit of freeholders as to the grocer's moral character, showing grocer's business address, date filed, affidavit, and signature of freeholder. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

45. CLERK'S REPORT OF GRAND JURY, 1847. 1 file box.
Report of the clerk of grand jury, showing names of jurors, term, and length of service. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

46. POWER OF ATTORNEY, 1881-94. 1 file box.
Instrument granting power of attorney ~~to one party from another~~, showing to whom and from whom issued, purpose of appointment, ~~and date appointed.~~
No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Miscellaneous

47. OPINIONS OF SUPREME COURT, 1883--. 2 file boxes.
Record of opinions of supreme court on special cases, showing county, case no., names of plaintiff and defendant, kind of case, and decision of the court. Arr. chron. 4 x 11 x 17. Clerk's vt.

48. OFFICIAL OATHS, 1814-1903. 6 file boxes.
Oaths of office of county officials, showing official's ~~name~~ and clerk's name, off. held, oath, signature and stamp of official, and date filed, ~~and stamp of official.~~
No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

49. OFFICIAL RESIGNATIONS, 1829-87. 2 file boxes.
Resignations of county officials sent to clerk, showing date filed, office held, twp., and signature of official. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

50. RECEIPTS, 1865-1902. 6 file boxes. (1870-82, and 1884-90, missing).
Receipts issued to clerk for disbursements, showing date paid, amount, to whom paid, and for what purpose. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

~~Miscellaneous~~ (continued)

51. ENROLLMENT OF SOLDIERS, 1886-1900. 1 file box.

Record of enlistment of soldiers, showing name of soldier, birthplace, dependants, term of enlistment, and rank. No index. 4 x 11 x 17. Clerk's vt.

Receipts and Disbursements

52. CASH BOOK, CLERK, 1874--. 5 vols. (3, and 4 vols. not numbered). 1859-74, missing. ?

Record of daily cash receipts and disbursements, showing amount received, source, ~~and date received~~, amount disbursed, purpose of disbursement, date disbursed, and daily balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1874-96, basement stg. rm. 1; 4 vols., 1897--, clerk's off.

~~For general index, see entry 53.~~

53. CLERK'S INDEX OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1859-91. 1 vol.

Index to entry 52, showing name of payer, for what paid, name of recipient, where recorded, and for what received. Arr. alph. by name of payer or recipient. Hdw. Condition poor. 200 pp. 20 x 12 x 3. Basement rm. 1.

54. CLERK'S DAILY BALANCE AND CASH STATEMENT, 1912--. 2 vols.

Record of daily balance and cash on hand, showing date of balance, costs due county, fees payable to county, fish and game license fees, trust funds and total, depositories, depository balance, days deposits, ~~and~~ total balance, checks issued, cash in drawer, balance, and memorandum. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 475 pp. 11 x 10 x 2. Clerk's vt.

IV CIRCUIT COURT

The Circuit Court is authorized by the Indiana Constitution (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 11). The seventieth circuit comprises Perry and Spencer counties. The inception date of this court in Perry County is 1814. All of the records ~~of this office~~ are located in the courthouse ~~unless otherwise stated~~.

The judge of the circuit court is elected by the people and the term of office is six years. The court has jurisdiction of law, equity, criminal cases, and settlement of decedent's estates, and of guardianships. It has appellate jurisdiction in certain cases from justice of peace courts. (Acts 1881, Sec. 4-303, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

Change of Venue

55. CHANGE OF VENUE, 1880. 1 vol.

Record of cases transferred to courts in other counties on change of venue, showing case no., names of plaintiff, ~~and~~ defendant, and attorneys, date filed, and reasons for change, ~~and attorneys~~. Arr. chron. Mdw. 150 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. Basement stg. rm. 2.

For earlier and later records, see entry ~~no.~~ 78.

56. FILE BOXES (CHANGE OF VENUE), 1829-1925. 37 file boxes.

Requests for change of venue, showing date filed, name of court, name of court transferred to, and case no. No index. 4 x 6 x 12. Auditor's off.

Civil and Criminal Causes

See entry 110.

57. CIVIL CAUSES PENDING, 1920--. 1 file drawer.
Record of civil cases pending, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of cause, and trial date. No index. 16 x 12 x 25. Clerk's vt.

58. CIVIL CASES (DISPOSED OF), 1913--. 1 file drawer.
Records of civil cases disposed of, showing dates tried, settled, and disposed of, names of ~~involved~~ parties, cause no., verdict, attorney, and final settlement. Arr. chron. 16 x 12 x 25. Clerk's vt.

59. COURT CASES, 1900. 1 file box.
Record of cases filed ~~in court~~, showing case no., names of plaintiff and defendant, and date filed. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

60. CIRCUIT COURT (CIVIL AND CRIMINAL?), 1917--. 90 file boxes.
Cases of circuit court, showing name of case, plaintiff and defendant, date filed, cause, names of plaintiff's ~~attorney~~ and defendant's attorneys, and witnesses, and court's decision. Arr. chron. 4 x 11 x 17. Clerk's vt.

61. TRANSCRIPTS, 1852-1904. 4 file boxes.
Copies of complaints to serve recovery of notes, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, disposition of court, and date rendered. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

62. RAILROAD PLATS, 1867. 1 file box.
Reports by special appraisers appointed by circuit court on assessments of damages to real estate caused by railroad right-of-way, showing amount of damage, owners, whose property was damaged, and cause of damages. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Civil and Criminal Causes(continued)

63. RECORD OF INDICTMENTS, 1853--. 24 vols. (1-24).

Record of grand jury indictments, showing name of person indicted, cause, and date of return. Indexed alph. by ~~party indicted~~ name of defendant. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

64. RECOGNIZANCE BOND RECORD, 1921--. 3 vols. (1-2,2). Vol. 1, prior to 1921, missing.

Bond of defendant to appear in court, showing name of defendant, amount ~~of bond~~, date of bond, date ~~to appear in court~~ of appearance, and case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed form. Condition poor. 300 pp. 16 x 10 x 2½. Clerk's vt.

65. INSANE RECORD, 1853--. 6 vols. (1-5, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of sanity cases tried, ~~on insanity~~, showing type of insanity, cause, name of patient, age, race, family history, statistics, and sex. Arr. chron., and indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1853-80, basement stg. rm.; 5 vols., 1880--, Clerk's vt.

66. INSANE PAPERS, 1881-99. 2 file boxes.

Certificates of expences and transmission of insane persons, showing certificate of fees, where recorded, vol. and page no., date returned, and auditor's name. No index. 4 x 7 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

~~For earlier and later records, see entry 65.~~

Civil and Criminal Cases(continued)

67. NATURALIZATION RECORD, 1852-1904. 3 vols.

Record of newly naturalized citizens, showing name of citizen, nationality, age, sex, and date naturalized. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

68. NATURALIZATION, 1900-1. 1 file box.

Naturalization papers, showing name of immigrant, time of entry, nationality, age, occupation, and oath of allegiance. No index. 4 x 11 x 17. Clerk's vt.

69. RECEIPTS OF PAPERS (CLERK'S OFFICE), 1864-92. 1 vol.

Record of receipts of all papers issued to attorneys for use in court, showing date issued, persons interested, and date returned. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. Condition poor. 250 pp. 17 x 11 x 1. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Court Proceedings
(See entries 102-105, 111-113).

70. ENTRY DOCKET; CIRCUIT COURT, 1853-79. 2 vols. (1-3).

Vol. 2, 1863-71, missing.

Record of all civil and criminal cases filed, showing date filed, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause no., and kind of action. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 11 x 1½. Basement stg. rm. 1.

For later records, see entry 76.

Circuit Court

Court Proceedings(continued)

71. ISSUE DOCKET-CIRCUIT COURT, 1845-57. 1 vol. ().

Record of issue of writs and proceedings on civil and criminal cases, showing cause no., kind of action, plaintiff, defendant, date, writs issued, and court proceedings. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. Basement stg. rm. 1.

For later records, see entry 78.

72. BAR DOCKET, 1853--. 13 vols.

Record of court cases, showing ~~attorney's name~~ attorney, date of trial, description of case, and names of plaintiff and defendant. Arr. chron. 100 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. 9 vols., 1853-1916, basement stg. rm. 1; 4 vols., 1914--, clerk's vt.

73. CLERK'S DOCKET, 1849--. 15 vols. (A-O).

Record of cases filed by clerk for trial, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, plaintiff's attorney, and action filed. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 11 vols., 1849-99, basement stg. rm.; 4 vols., 1899--, clerk's off.

74. JUDGE'S DOCKET, CIVIL, 1916--. 28 vols. (1-28).

Record of all civil cases, showing case no., term of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, action, issues, date of process, sheriff's return, ~~names of attorneys~~, and disposition by the court. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. Clerk's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 76.

Court Proceedings(continued)

75. JUDGE'S DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1916--. 5 vols. (1-5).
Record of criminal cases, showing case no., term of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, action, issues, date of process, sheriff's return, names of attorneys, and disposition of the court. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 13. Clerk's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 76.

76. JUDGE'S DOCKET, 1852-1916. 16 vols. (B-Q, 2 vols. numbered B-Q, F-Q.) Vol. A, prior to 1852, and vol. E, 1881-84, missing.
Record of all cases kept by judge, showing case no., names of plaintiff and defendant, action, when filed, date of process, sheriff's return, proceedings of court, and disposition of case. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Basement stg. rm. 1.

For later records, see entry 74, 75, and 103.

77. CIVIL DOCKET, (CIRCUIT COURT), 1901--. 6 vols. (1-5, and 1 vol. not numbered).
Record of civil cases tried in circuit court, showing date filed, names of parties to action and of attorneys, court proceedings, issue, and case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. 544 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clerk's vt.

78. ORDER BOOK, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL, 1815--. 28 vols. (1-28).
Record of court orders on cases, showing case no., names of plaintiff and defendant, date of order, and nature of order. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. 580 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

Court Proceedings(continued)

79. INSTRUCTIONS TO JURORS, 1924--. 1 file drawer.
Instructions of the court to jurors, showing nature of case, plaintiff and defendant, and date instructions were given. No index. Hdw. 16 x 12 x 25. Clerk's vt.

80. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1862--. 4 vols. (C-F). Vols. A-B, prior to 1862, missing.
Record of judgments rendered by court, showing case no., names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, costs, and date rendered. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 295 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. Clerk's vt.

81. COMPLETE RECORD, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL, 1817-5. 4 vols. (A-D). Discontinued.
Record of complete court proceedings and minutes of all civil and criminal cases, showing names of plaintiff, and defendant, judge's name, and disposition of case; name of defendant, case no., kind of case, and disposition of case, Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. 575 pp. 18 x 12 x . Clerk's vt.

Executions

82. EXECUTIONS, 1861. 1 file box.
Papers and writs of execution of court-orders, showing name of county, court, case no., plaintiff vs. defendant, date, costs of suit, from whom due, and clerk's name. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Executions(continued)

83. SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATES OF SALES, 1892-95. 1 file box.
Sheriff's certificates of sale to satisfy court judgment, showing names of sheriff, names of plaintiff and defendant, date of judgment, amount, description of land, and date of sale. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Probate Causes

84. PROBATE, 1900--. 16 file boxes.
Papers on probate cases, showing name of case, when filed, decision of court, names of persons involved, case no., and judgment. No index. 4 x 11 x 17. Clerk's vt.

85. GUARDIANSHIP CAUSES (PENDING), 1882--. 1 file drawer.
Papers pertaining to guardians ip cases not settled and still pending, showing names of parties, dates of writs, and pending cause. No index. 16 x 12 x 25. Clerk's vt.

86. GUARDIANSHIP'S REPORT TO JUDGE, 1858-87. 5 file boxes.
Reports of guardians to judge on duties performed, showing State and county, name of estate, term of court, name of guardian, amount of settlement, list of claims paid, total amount, and balance. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

87. (ESTATES), 1800?-?. 2 file boxes. 1809-27, missing.
Reports of administrators of estates, and of notes and claims held against estate, showing names of estate, administrator, claimants, dates filed and settled, and amounts. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

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88. GENERAL INDEX TO ESTATES, 1860--. 2 vols.

Index to records on estates, showing names of executor and administrator, where recorded by vol. and page no. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's off.

89. WILL RECORD, 1816--. 6 vols. (A2, A-E).

Record of wills filed and recorded, showing name of testator, ~~names of~~ heirs, ~~names of~~ witnesses, and date filed. Arr. chron. 1816-1923, hdw.; 1924--, typed. Condition poor. 450 pp. 17 x 11 x 2. 2 vols., 1816-73, basement stg. rm.1;5 vols., 1879--, clerk's vt.

90. WILLS, 1817--. 6 file boxes.

Wills filed and recorded, showing date of will, names of heirs, condition of will, ~~name of executor~~, and signature of testator. Arr. chron. Condition fair. 4 x 11 x 17. Clerk's vt.

91. ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND, OATH AND LETTERS, 1852--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of appointments of administrators, and their oaths, bonds, and letters, showing administrator's name, name of estate, date of bond, amount, and sureties. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. 1 vol., 1852-81, basement stg.rm. 1; 2 vols., 1882--, clerk's off.

92. ADMINISTRATOR'S, EXECUTOR'S, GUARDIAN'S POWER FOR THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE, 1852--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of additional bonds posted by administrators, executors, and

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guardians for sale of real estate from estate of deceased, showing name of estate, name of administrator, executor, guardian and sureties, and date ~~of bond~~, and amount of bond. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Mdw. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1855-89, basement stg. rm. 1; 4 vols., 1890--, clerk's vt.

93. EXECUTOR'S BOND, OATH, AND LETTERS, 1854--. 5 vols. (1-5). Record of executor's bonds, oaths, and letters posted, showing name of estate, executor, date posted, name of surety, and amount of bond. Indexed alph. by name of testator. Mdw. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½. 1 vol., 1854-82, basement stg. rm. 1; 4 vols., 1883--, clerk's vt.

94. GUARDIAN'S BOND AND LETTERS, 1852--. 6 vols. (1-6). Record of appointments of guardians, and guardians' bonds and letters, showing name of ward, ~~name of~~ guardian, amount ~~of bond~~, date of bond, ~~and names of sureties~~. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Mdw. 200 pp. 18 x 11 x 1½. 1 vol., 1852-82, basement stg. rm. 1; 5 vols., 1883--, clerk's vt.

95. GUARDIAN'S BOND, 1854-1924. 3 file boxes. Record of guardian's bonds, showing guardians and ward's names, date of bond, date filed, date approved, and clerk's signature. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

96. INVENTORY RECORD, 1852--. 9 vols. (1-6, and 3 vols. not numbered). Record of inventories on property for settlement of estates, filed with the circuit court, showing name of deceased, description of property,

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appraised value, and date inventory was filed. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. 590 pp. 10 x 12 x 3. 4 vols., 1852-81, basement stg. rm. 1; 5 vols., 1881--, clerk's vt.

97. INVENTORIES, 1892-1901. 2 file boxes.

Appraisers' reports of inventories of property of deceased, showing estate no., name of estate, and appraisers, value of property, and name of deceased. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

98. SALE BILL RECORD, 1845--. 6 vols. (1-3, 1-2, 1-2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of sale of property from estate, showing name of estate, list of properties, value, date of inventory, amount and date sold, and name of purchaser. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. 225 pp. 10 x 12 x 3. 5 vols., 1845-98, basement stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1899--, clerk's vt.

99. ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE BILLS, 1903-26. 2 file boxes.

Record of sales by administrators of personal property from estate, showing date of sale, name of estate and name of purchaser, articles sold, amount, and vol. and page no. in sale bill record. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

100. GUARDIAN SALES, 1903-26. 1 file box.

Record of court hearings of petition of guardian for sale of heirs' property, showing guardian's name, names of heirs, reasons for sale, date of hearing, and signature of judge. No index. Hdw. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

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101. SHERIFF'S SALE AND DEED BILL, 1893-94. 1 file box.

~~Papers on~~ sheriff's sales of property from estate to satisfy claims of judgments, showing name of court, date issued, description of articles sold, name of estate, and name of heir; judgments, in whose favor given, and plaintiff's attorney. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement hall.

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(see also entries 111-114, 70-81, 115-118)

102. GENERAL ENTRY CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCE, 1881--. 7 vols. (1-4, 2, 2-3).

Record of claims against estates and fees charged by clerk, showing name of estate, ~~name of administrator,~~ cause no., date of claim, kind of action, names of plaintiff's ~~attorney~~, and defendant's attorney, claims allowed, cost of relief, vol. and page no. in order book, vol. and page no. in judge's docket, clerk's signature, addition entries, fees, itemized receipts, and clerk's memorandum. Indexed alph. by name of claimant. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 14 x 18 x 3. Clerk's vt.

103. JUDGE'S DOCKET- PROBATE, 1910--. 15 vols. (1-15).

Record of probate cases, showing case no., term of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, action, issues, date of process, sheriff's return, ~~names of attorneys~~, and disposition of the case. Arr.chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 70.

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104. GUARDIANSHIP BOOKS, 1847--. 4 vols. (1-2, and 2 vols. not numbered). ~~Title varies~~ Docket of Letters of Guardianship; Guardianship and Fee Book.

Record of appointment of guardians, showing letters, oath, name of guardian, age, amount of bond, sureties, and penalty of bond. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. 1 vol., 1847-50, basement stg. rm. 1; 3 vols., 1851--, clerk's vt.

105. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, 1846--. 15 vols. (1-15).

Record of court orders on wills and estates, showing nature of estate ~~on~~ real ~~and~~ personal property, inheritance tax, names of estate, heirs, and administrator. Indexed alph. by name of estate. 1846-1920, hdw.; 1920--, typed. 555 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

~~Fee and Cash Records~~

106. FEE BOOK (CIRCUIT COURT), 1839--. 12 vols. (A-L).

Record of fees collected for court services, showing names of defendant and plaintiff, kind of case, case no., issues, name of payer, amount and date received. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed form. Condition poor. 560 pp. 16 x 10 x 3. 7 vols., 1839-84, basement stg. rm. 1; 5 vols., 1885--, clerk's vt.

107. FEE BOOK, CIVIL, 1893--. 13 vols. (1-13).

Record of all fees charged in civil cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of fees, date received, from whom received, for what, and case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 550 pp. 8 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

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108. FEE BOOK, CRIMINAL, 1891--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of fees charged for services on criminal cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of fees, date received, payer's name, purpose, type of cause, date charged, and cause. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 550 pp. 10 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

109. RECORD OF FINES, 1841--. 9 vols. (A, and 8 vols. not numbered).
Record of fines received by clerk, showing amount, date paid, by whom, and purpose or cause. Indexed alph. by name of payer. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 x 8 x 1. 2 vols., 1851-84, basement stg. rm. 1; 7 vols., 1884--, clerk's vt.

V. COMMON PLEAS COURT

The common pleas court was established by an act of 1852. (Acts 1852). The judges were elected at regular elections for terms of four years. The inception date of this court in Perry County is 1853. Because of the inadequacies of this court, it was abolished by an act of 1873, the jurisdiction was transferred to the circuit court. (Acts 1873, Chap. 29, p.87.) All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse [illegible].

The common pleas court had jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills; appointment of guardians of persons of unsound mind, and other legal disabilities; on matters relating to executors and administrators; civil cases ranging from fifty to one thousand dollars except in cases of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, action of official bond, or where the title of real estate shall be in issue; and criminal jurisdiction in cases which are not felonies and which are not triable by a justice of the peace. (Acts 1852.)

Civil and Criminal Causes
(see entries 57-69).—

110. COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1852-70. 14 file boxes.

1870-73, missing.

Papers and writs belonging to cases tried in court, showing names of attorneys, plaintiff and defendant, cause, date issued, place, names of witnesses, place of trial, names of plaintiff's attorney, defendant's attorney, and judge's decision. Arr. chron. 4 x 11 x 17. Clerk's vt.

Court Proceedings
(See entries 70-81, 102-105).

111. ENTRY DOCKET, COMMON PLEAS, 1853-81. 8 vols.
Record of cases filed and entered, ~~to be tried in court~~, showing date of entry, case no., names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. Basement stg. rm. 1.

112. ISSUE DOCKET-COMMON PLEAS, 1852-65. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of issue, and court minutes on criminal and civil cases, showing cause no., kind of action, names of plaintiff and defendant, dates of proceedings, and court proceedings. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. Basement stg. rm. 1.

← For later records, see entry 78.

113. DOCKET-COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, 1848-87. 4 vols. (1-3,1).
Record of proceedings of civil and probate cases, showing cause, kind of action, names of plaintiff and defendant, and dates of proceedings. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2½. Basement stg. rm. 1.

114. ORDER BOOK- COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-73. 4 vols. (1-4).
Record of court orders for civil and probate cases, showing case no., names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, action, and court orders. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffand defendant. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

Proceedings in Probate Causes
(See entries 70-81, 102-105, 111-114).

115. APPEARANCE DOCKET, 1853-81. 8 vols.
Record of appearances of administrators, guardians, and executors, on

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settlement claims against estates ~~on~~ in probate cases, showing name of administrator, estate proceedings, receipts, amount of receipts, names of claimant and attorneys, and date of claim and settlement. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. Basement stg. rm. 1.

For later record, see entry 102.

116. EXECUTION DOCKET, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, 1853-75. 3 vols. Record of writs of executions issued ~~on~~ against parties against whom judgment was rendered, showing name of party, date of judgment, date of report, and official's return of decrees. Arr.chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Basement stg. rm. 1.

The recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election, and is not eligible to hold office for more than eight years in any twelve-year period (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1901; Sec. 49-3201, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). The inception date of this office in Perry County is 1841. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

It is the duty of the recorder to enter upon the books of his office at the time they are executed, all satisfactions, cancelations, and assignments, of whatever kind$, attest the release of mortgages, leases, or other instruments required by law to be recorded, record every conveyance or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded, to keep special records of cemetery deeds, cemetery associations, farm names, chattel mortgages, and miscellaneous instruments. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1855, 1875 Special Session, 1905, 1913, 1919, 1925, 1927, and 1931; Secs. 49-3203 to 49-3205, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Deeds, Titles, and Grants

117. DEED RECORDS, 1815--. 76 vols. (A,A-2, 1-43).
Recordings of deeds to real property, showing name of grantee, and grantor, kind of deed, amount of consideration, description of lot or lots, no. of square, town, section, range, acres, dates entered and recorded, book, page, and remarks. Indexed alph. by name of grantor and grantee. 1815-1904, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. ~~Recorder's ct.~~

Deeds, Titles, and Grants(continued)

116. DEED INDEX, (GRANTOR-GRANTEE), 1815--. 36 vols. (2 sets, 4-15; 2 sets, 4-8, and 6 vols. not numbered).

Index to deeds, showing names of grantor and grantee, dates, vol. and folio no. Arr. alph. by grantor and grantee. Hdw. 375 pp. 17 x 12 x 3. 10 vols., 1815-1907, basement stg. rm.; 26 vols. 1915--, recorder's vt.

119. SHERIFF'S DEED RECORD, 1907--. 2 vols.

Record of deeds given by sheriff on sales executed by ~~the sheriff~~ to satisfy judgments entered by ~~the~~ courts, showing name of person against whom judgment was issued and name of new purchaser. Arr. alph. by original owner. Hdw. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Recorder's o.c.

For earlier records, see entry no. 117.

120. CEMETERY RECORD, 1927--. 1 vol.

Record of cemetery lot deeds, showing cemetery, location of lot, and amount paid. Arr. alph. by name of buyer. Typed. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. ~~Recorder's vt.~~

For earlier records, see entry 119.

121. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1912-35. 1 vol.

Record of quieted titles to real property, showing name of rightful owner, description and location of land, and transcript of court order. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Typed. 500 pp. 14 x 10 x 3. ~~Recorder's vt.~~

For earlier and later records, see entry 117.

Mortgages and Releases

Real Estate

122. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1858--. 21 vols. (B-V). Vol. A, prior to 1858, missing.

Record of mortgages on real estate, showing date of mortgage, amount of consideration, description of property, when recorded, when satisfied, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagee and mortgagor. 1858-1904, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. ~~Recorder's vt.~~

123. MORTGAGE INDEX [illegible] INDEX, 1857--. 3 vols.

A general index to the mortgage records, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, dates, and vol. no. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagee and mortgagor. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. ~~Recorder's vt.~~

For earlier records, see entry 117.

Chattels

124. CHATTEL MORTGAGE PRIVATE BOOK, 1892--. 4 vols.

Record of chattel mortgages, showing time of filing, names of mortgagee and mortgagor, amount of security, date of mortgage, and remarks. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagor and mortgagee. 1892-1925, hdw.; 1926--, typed. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Recorder's vt.

125. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1892--. 8 vols. (H-M).

Record of mortgages on movable property, showing names, description of chattels, terms and amount of note. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagee and mortgagor. 1892-1904, hdw.; 1905--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. ~~Recorder's vt.~~

For earlier records, see entry 117.

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126. GENERAL INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1854--. 2 vols.

General index to chattel mortgage records, showing mortgagor, mortgagee, kind of instrument, date of mortgage, amount of consideration, address, when recorded, page, and remarks. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. ~~Recorder's vt.~~

School Funds

127. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGES, 1854--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of mortgages on school fund, showing name of mortgagor, amount of loan, description of security, purpose of loan, and date. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagee. 1854-1934, hdw.; 1934--, typed. 575 pp. 16 x 12 x . ~~Record vlt. vt.~~

See entries 175-182.

Liens

128. MECHANICS LIEN, 1917-38 1 vol.

Record of liens on property for labor or damages, showing by whom made, against whom made, description of property, amount of lien, and date filed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. Basement tg. rm. no. 1.

For later records, see entry no. 137.

Register of Legal Instruments

129. ENTRY BOOK, 1836--. 8 vols.

Record of entries of deeds, mortgages, warrants, and bond releases, showing

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type of instrument, names of parties involved, and date of entry. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. 4 vols., 1898-1906, basement stg. rm. no. 1; 4 vols., 1908--, recorder's vt.

130. RECORD OF ANNUAL [illegible], 1901--. 2 vols.

Record of annual reports of recorder to auditor of instruments and transactions, showing kind of instrument or transaction, date, ~~kind of~~ nature and ~~fees~~, amount of fees, and remarks. Arr. chron. Hdw. 180 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. ~~Recorder's vt.~~

131. REGISTER OF FARM NAMES, 1914--. 1 vol.

Record of ~~names of~~ farms in the county, showing name of farm, location, and ~~name of owner~~. Indexed alph. by name of farm. Typed. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. ~~Recorder's vt.~~

132. RECORD OF MARKS, 1914-37. 1 vol.

Record of markings and brands on cattle, showing description of marks or brands, name of owner, location of farm, and date recorded. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 10 x 1½. Basement stg. rm. no. 1.

133. SOLDIERS' DISCHARGES, 1886-1902. 1 vol.

Record of honorable discharge from U. S. army of residents of county, showing name of soldier, date of birth, date of enlistment, ~~date of~~ and discharge, and in what company soldier served. Indexed alph. by name of soldier. Hdw. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. ~~Recorder's vt.~~

For later records, see entry 137.

134. RECORD OF INDENTURES, 1868-79. 1 vol.

Record of contracts of apprenticeship, showing date, terms of contract,

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apprentice's salary, length of apprenticeship, and names of employer and apprentice. Indexe alph. by name of apprentice. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Recorder's vt.

155. (INDENTURE AGREEMENT), 1863. 1 file box.

Indenture agreement between Harry Miller and Mary Gibbons recorded in Record of Indenture, page 20, showing names of recorder and treasurer. Hdw. 1 p. . 4 x 4 x 10. Basement hall.

156. ESTRAY PAPERS, 1854-73.

Papers relating to livestock lost from owner, showing description of stock, name of owner, location of farm, by whom found, and appraised value of stock. No index. Hdw. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement hall.

Miscellaneous Records

157. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1857--. 16 vols. (A-O).

Record of appointment, rights of ownership, mineral rights, contracts and agreements, articles of incorporation, honorable discharge, and other miscellaneous transactions and instruments, showing kind of instrument or transaction, names of parties involved, amounts of consideration and fees, and date. Indexed alph. by names of companies and parties involved. 1857-1904, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

~~Fee and Cash Books~~

138. CASH AND FEE BOOK, 1893--. 4 vols. (1-3 and 1 vol. not numbered). 1909-20, missing.

Record of all fees due and collected ~~by recorder~~ for recording instruments, showing date, kind of instrument, for whom recorded, amount of fees, fees due, fees collected, and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 275 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 2 vols., 1893-1909, basement stg. rm. no. 1; 1 vol., 1920--, recorder's vt.

The sheriff is a constitutional officer chosen for a four-year period and is not eligible to hold office more than four years in any period of six years. He is a political officer, nominated by primary and elected in the regular election. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Sec. 49-2801, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Perry County is 1814. All of the records ~~of this office~~ are located in the courthouse ~~unless otherwise stated~~.

The sheriff arrests without process all persons who, within his view, commit any crime or misdemeanor, delivers them before a justice of the peace of Perry County and holds them in his custody until the cause of such arrest has been investigated; pursues and commits to jail all felonies, and executes all process directed to him by legal authority. It is also his duty to protect persons ~~in danger~~ from mobs and possible lynchings. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852; Sec. 49-2302 to 49-2302, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Executions and Reports

139. SHERIFF'S EXECUTION DOCKET, 1910--. 1 vol.
Record of executions, showing date issued, kind of writ, parties involved, and against whom judgment was rendered. Indexed alph. by plaintiff. Hdw. Condition poor. 165 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Sheriff's rm.

140. SHERIFF'S DOCKET, 1850--. 13 vols. (1-10, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Executions and Reports--(continued)

Record of summons served, showing description of cases, names of parties involved, date of trial, and kind of case. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 17 x 11 x 3. 6 vols., 1858-1906, basement stg. rm; 4 vols., 1895-1902, clerk's vt; 3 vols., 1920--, sheriff's off.

141. REGISTER OF JURORS, CIRCUIT COURT, 1901--. 2 vols.

Record of jurors called for jury trials, showing name of juror, kind of trial, and date of trial, no. of days of jury duty, date of duty, and amount paid to each juror. Arr. alph. by juror. Hdw. on printed form. Condition fair. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Sheriff's off.

142. (WARRANTS), 1882--. 2 pigeon hole files.

Warrants for arrest of parties for violations of law, showing date of warrant, name of party to be arrested, for what purpose, date warrant served, and date returned. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 4 x 4 x 8. Sheriff's off.

143. (WARRANT), 1821. 1 file box.

Warrant from clerk to sheriff for arrest of Devion Daniel for trespass, and note from clerk revoking warrant. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement hall.

144. (PAPERS SERVED), 1883--. 5 pigeon hole files.

Papers which have been served, and record of fees collected for service, showing date, kind of paper served, amount of fee, and date paper returned. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 4 x 4 x 8. Sheriff's off.

145. SUMMONS, 1804--. 2 pigeon hole files, and 3 file boxes. 1902-29, missing.

Files of summons or writs issued by sheriff, ordering parties to appear for trial,

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showing date of warrant, names of parties in State and county to be summoned, date and where to appear, date summons served, and sheriff's signature. No index. Mdw. on printed form. 4 x 4 x 8. 2 pigeon hole files, 1930--, sheriff's off; 3 file boxes, 1894-1901, basement.

145a. PRISON PAPERS, 1850-69. 1 file box.

Papers issued by justice of peace or court commanding jailor to confine parties to prison. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement.

146. SHERIFF'S SALES, 1932--. 2 pigeon hole files.

Notices of sales posted and held by sheriff, showing date of sale, description of articles, and terms of sale. No index. Mdw. on printed form. 4 x 4 x 8. Sheriff's off.

Fee and Cash Books

147. SHERIFF'S REGISTER OF FEES CHARGED, 1892--. 3 vols. 1903-20, missing.

Record of fees charged by sheriff, showing names of parties, amount collected, fees for writs and summons served by sheriff. Arr. chron. Mdw. 325 pp. 18 x 9 x 3. 1 vol., 1892-1903, basement stg. rm; 2 vols., 1920--, sheriff's off.

148. SHERIFF'S CASH BOOK, 1896--. 1 vol.

Record of cash received and paid out by sheriff, showing date and amount received, for what purpose, to whom paid, date and amount paid out, and warrant no. Arr. chron. Mdw. on printed form. Condition fair. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Sheriff's off.

149. RECEIPTS, 1929--. 5 pigeon hole files.

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Receipts for money paid out by sheriff, showing date, from whom received, for what purpose, amount, and receiver's signature. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 4 x 4 x 8., Sheriff's off.

VIII CORONER

The office of coroner was created by the Constitution of Indiana. This officer is elected at the regular election and serves a term of two years. There is no prohibition as to the number of times he can be re-elected. The coroner is required to post a five-thousand-dollar bond, ~~to insure the faithful performance of his duties.~~ (Indiana Const. 1851, Art. 6, Sec. 2.) The office of coroner was in existence before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. The inception date of this office in Perry County is 1851. ~~All of the records of this office~~ are located in the courthouse, ~~unless otherwise stated.~~

The coroner is required to investigate violent deaths and deaths of ~~the~~ suspicious nature. He performs the duties of the sheriff when the sheriff is absent or otherwise incapacitated from serving. (Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1871, 1879 special session, and 1933; Sec. 49-2091 to 49-2115, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

150. INQUEST RECORD, 1851--. 5 file boxes.
Record of coroner's inquests, showing date, coroner's name, place of inquest, reason, name of deceased, age, birthplace, statements of witnesses, and coroner's verdict. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

IX AUDITOR

The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and entitled to hold office for not more than eight years in any period of twelve. The auditor is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Sec. 49-3003, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Perry County is 1841. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse, unless otherwise stated.

The auditor is the clerk of the board of commissioners. He preserves the documents, books, records, maps, and papers deposited in his office; examines and settles all accounts and demands chargeable against Perry County; keeps an account current with the treasurer; acknowledges deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust funds; issues pension certificates; institutes suits on behalf of trust funds; files records of poor relief and reports of charity cases; approves bonds of township trustees; advertises and sells bonds; delivers election supplies to election inspectors; prepares tax duplicates; verifies tax rates; issues tax deeds; acts as custodian of school funds; and accepts bequests for cemeteries. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1879; Secs. 49-3004 to 49-3018, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Audits and Reports

151. AUDITING BOARD REPORT, 1853--. 1 file box.
Reports of auditing committee to circuit court, showing twp., trustee, date of warrant, no., articles purchased, from what firm, amount of

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warrant, whether rejected or allowed, and amount disallowed. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

152. CLERK'S REPORT OF FEES, 1908-9. 1 file box. Clerk's reports to auditor on fees collected, showing name and date, amount collected, amount not collected, and total amount of fees. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

153. CLERK'S REPORT OF FINES COLLECTED, 1911-15. 1 file box. Report of money collected for fines, showing date collected, title of cause, fee book, page no., amount, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

154. SETTLEMENT SHEETS, 1847-65. 1 file box. Statements to State treasurer by auditor and treasurer of delinquent taxes collected for each month, showing transcript form, amount delinquent, school tax, sinking fund tax, amount of penalty, total deduction, and net collected. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

155. DOG REPORTS (TRUSTEE'S REPORTS), 1890-94. 2 file boxes. Report to auditor of receipts, disbursements, and orders issued by trustee, showing date of receipts, amount, expenditures, when paid, voucher no., to whom paid, for what, and amount. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

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156. JUSTICE OF PEACE REPORTS, 1845-52. 3 file boxes. Reports of justices of peace, showing names of people fined by him, for what, and amount of fine. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

157. REGISTER OF TOWNSHIP WARRANTS AUDITED, 1897-99.

1 vol.

Register of warrants by twps. issued by auditor, showing name of trustee, in whose favor warrants were drawn, date, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 61 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Basement stg. rm. 1.

158. (ALLOWANCE RECORD), 1870-1920. 40 file boxes. Record of court allowances, showing date, amount, for what cause, no. of case, and judge's name. Arr. chron. 4 x 6 x 12. Auditor's off.

Receipts and Disbursements

159. APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1900--.

8 vols. (1-4, 2-4, 2).

Record of appropriations and disbursements, showing use of county funds, different officers, to whom and for what paid, and from what fund paid. Arr. chron. Hdw. 425 pp. 21 x 12 x 3. 1900-1910, basement stg. rm. 1; 1910--, Auditor's vt.

Receipts and Disbursements(continued)

160. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, 1841--. 8 vols. (B, 1 - 6, 1). Record of all receipts, showing amount, date, and from whom received. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 17 x 11 x 2. 2 vols., 1841-90, basement stg. rm. 1; 6 vols., 1890--, auditor's vt.

161. CASH BOOK AND AUDITOR'S CASH BOOK JOURNAL, 1855--. 12 vols. (C, E - H, and 7 vols. not numbered).

Vols. A-B, prior to 1855, missing.

Record of cash received and paid out, showing for what received, receipt no., date, total receipts, total cash paid out, warrant no., date, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 5 vols., 1855-89, basement stg. rm. 1; 7 vols., 1889--, auditor's off.

162. COUNTY LEDGER, 1877-90. 1 vol.

Record of county expenditures, showing date, when paid, to whom paid, for what purpose, amount paid, and from what fund. Indexed alph. by name of fund. Hdw. on printed form. 318 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Basement stg. rm. 1.

For earlier and later records, see entry 163.

163. DISBURSEMENTS AND RECEIPTS, 1884--. 16 vols.

Record of disbursements and receipts, showing description of each item, amount, from whom received, on what account, and how disbursed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 140 pp. 19 x 17 x 2. 5 vols., 1884-85, basement stg. rm.; 11 vols., 1886--. auditor's vt.

Receipts and Disbursements(continued)

164. REGISTER OF ORDERS, 1866--. 5 vols. (C-F, and 1 vol. not numbered). Vols. A-B, prior to 1866, missing.
Record of orders drawn on the treasurer by the auditor, showing to whom payable, amount, for what purpose, and from what fund. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Auditor's vt.

165. WARRANTS, 1935--. 2 file boxes.
Canceled warrants, showing no., date, to whom made, and for what purpose. No index. 26 x 15 x 6. Auditor's off.

166. (AUDITOR'S FEES), 1860--. 35 file boxes.
Reports of auditor's fees, showing date, fee book, page no., amount collected, from whom, for what, and date of report. Arr. chron. 4 x 6 x 12. Auditor's off.

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Appraisements

167. TRANSFER BOOK, 1868--. 5 vols.
Records of land transfers, showing description of land, location, names of grantor and grantee, date of deed, and date of transfer. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. Recorder's vt.

168. ABSTRACTS, 1935--. 1 file box.
Abstracts, showing transfers of parcels of land, mortgages, liens, and present title holder. Arr. chron. 26 x 15 x 6. Auditor's off.

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Lists

169. ASSESSOR'S BOOKS, 1925--. 30 vols.

Record of real estate assessments, showing amount of land, description, assessed valuation, names of towns, twps., owners, and mortgage record. Arr. alph. by name of owner. Hdw. 325 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Assessor's off.

170. ASSESSOR'S BOOKS, 1906--. 159 vols.

Record of personal property assessments, showing description and location of property, assessed valuation, and name of owner. Arr. alph. by name of person assessed. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. 23 vols., 1906-11, basement stg. rm. 1.; 136 vols., 1919--, auditor's off.

171. ROAD PAPERS, 1841-49. 3 file boxes.

Road tax list, showing no. of road district, names of property owners, and amount of road tax. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Delinquent

172. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS AND LOTS, 1900--.
1 vol. (4).

Record of delinquent taxes on land and lots, showing owner, name of purchaser, and location and description of land and lots on which taxes have not been paid. No index. Hdw. 320 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Auditor's vt.

Taxes--Delinquent(continued)

173. DELINQUENT LAND SALE FOR TAXES, 1823-42. 6 file boxes. List of lands and town lots for sale for taxes, showing owner, twp., description, no. of lots, value, improvements, total value, current tax, and penalty. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

174. REGISTER OF TAX TITLE DEEDS, 1858-1926. 12 vols. Deeds made by the auditor for land and lots sold for taxes, showing date of sale, tax title owner, original owner, description of property, and amount sold for. Indexed alph. by name of tax title owner. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 10 x 2½. Auditor's vt.

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175. SCHOOL FUND JOURNAL, 1871--. 3 vols. (1, and 2 vols. not numbered). 1890-1919, missing.
Record of accounts brought forward from the ledger at close of fiscal year, showing amount of principal in fund, and amounts and disbursements from fund. Arr. chron. Hdw. 425 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 2 vols., 1877-90, basement stg. rm. 1; 1 vol., 1919--, school superintendent's off.

176. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND LOANS, 1884--. 8 vols. (3, and 5 vols. not numbered).
Record of all loans made from school funds, and record of payments and interest, showing borrower's name, amount of loan, date of loan, and date due. Indexed alph. by name of debtor. Hdw. 395 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. 4 vols., 1884-89, basement stg. rm. 1; 2 vols., 1890--, auditor's vt.

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177. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND ORDERS AND LOANS, 1877--. 6 vols. Record of school funds loaned, showing amount, interest due, payment, date due, when paid, name of borrower, kind of security, and kind of property. Indexed alph. by name of debtor. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1877-99, basement stg. rm. 1; 5 vols., 1900--, auditor's vt.

178. SCHOOL FUND PAPERS, 1863-70. 2 file boxes. Papers pertaining to ~~the~~ sale of land or lots forfeited to congressional and common school fund, showing proof of notices, names of places, and where notices were posted. Arr. chron. Hdw. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

179. ORDERS TO DRAW FUNDS, 1840-46. 1 file box. Orders for treasurer to draw on auditor and school commissioners for funds belonging to specified twp. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

180. TRUST FUND RECORD, 1863--. 2 vols. 1872-90, missing. Record of school trust funds to be used and loaned, also money allowed the school by the State, showing amounts, and when listed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1863-72, basement stg. rm. 1; 1 vol., 1890--, clerk's vt.

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181. DISBURSEMENTS-SCHOOL FUNDS, 1884--. 3 vols.
Record of all money paid out of the school fund to parties for the maintenance of the schools, showing to whom paid, for what purpose, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 139 pp. 17 x 19 x 2. 1 vol., 1884-85, basement stg. rm. 1; 2 vols., 1885--, auditor's off.

182. SALE OF SCHOOL FUND LANDS, 1867-73. 1 file box.
Record of sales of school lands by school commissioners, showing date of sale, grantee, description of land, terms of sale, and amount. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Official and Suroty Bonds
(See also entries 23-33)

183. OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1884--. 4 vols. (A, and 3 vols. not numbered).
Record of bonds of public officials to secure faithful performance of their duties, showing name of official, rank, security, date of appointment, and amount of bond. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 350 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. 2 vols., 1884-92, basement stg. rm. 1; 2 vols., 1893--, auditor's vt.

184. SCHOOL TRUSTEE'S BOND RECORD, 1866-1925. 2 vols.
Copies of the bonds of the various trustees, showing name of trustee, oath, bondsman, and names of county school authorities. Arr. chron. hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1866-67, basement stg. rm. 1; 1 vol., 1900-1925, auditor's vt.

Maps

185. PERRY COUNTY ROADS, not dated. 11 blueprints.

Blueprints of roads and highways, showing length, width, and location.

No scale given. 24 x 30. Auditor's off.

The office of county assessor was created by an Act of 1891. This officer is nominated in the primary and elected at the regular election for a four-year term, there being no prohibition against successive terms in office. Qualifications are established by law; he must have been a continuous freeholder of Perry County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and he must provide a five-thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freehold sureties approved by the auditor, who also administers the oath of office. The inception date of this office in Perry County is 1891. All of the records ~~of this office~~ are located in the courthouse ~~unless otherwise stated~~.

The duties of the assessor are to assess omitted real and personal property and inheritances, to appraise each school plant, to instruct the township assessors, to carry out the orders of the State tax board, and to act as president of Perry County board of review. The statutes direct that he shall be subject to the orders and directions of the State board of tax commissioners. (Acts 1891, 1919; Sec. 64-1102, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

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(See entries 157-174)

186. INDEX TO TELL CITY LOTS, 1873-80. 1 vol.
Index to assessor's valuation books, showing lot no., page no., and lots that were returned to the State. Arr. numerically by city block no. Hdw. 362 pp. 16 x 10 x 1. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Statistics

167. AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1859. 1 file box.

Reports to departments of agricultural products and farm animals raised and produced, showing no. of horses, no. of cattle, sheep, hogs, farm produce, value of each, and totals. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Maps

168. PERRY COUNTY, 1928. 1 map.

Physical map, showing towns, post offices, schools, churches, State highways, twp. lines, sections, and gravel roads. Drawn by Joseph Nix. Published at Indianapolis, Ind. by Standard Map Co. No scale given. 13 x 17. Assessor's off.

169. PERRY COUNTY, 1932. 1 map.

Physical map, showing towns, schools, churches, State highways, county improved and dirt roads, twp. lines, and secs. Drawn by Archie P. Walters. Published at Indianapolis, Ind., by Blueprint and Supply Co. Scale, 1" to 1 mile. 24 x 18. Assessor's off.

Perry County has a board for the review of assessments and the equalization of valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the assessor, treasurer, auditor, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The assessor is the president and the auditor is the secretary of the board. (Acts 1919; Sec. 64-1201, 64-1205, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1943.) The inception date of this board in Perry County is 1921. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse, unless otherwise stated.

From 1891 to 1921 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a county board of equalization consisting of the county commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (Acts 1891, Ch. 64, p. 111.) The law of 1921 superseded this act, and created the county board of review, composed of the treasurer, assessor and the auditor, (Act 1921). The act of 1919 re-established the board, adding the two freeholder appointments to its membership.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of the property in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the per cent to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. The board also has the power, in proper cases, to correct the valuation of any particular tract or lot. (Acts 1919, Ibid.)

If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high or too low or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or township, or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment (Acts 1919, Ibid).

[illegible]. [illegible], 1911--. 2 vols.

Record of review of protested assessments; showing description of property, name of owner, value of property, amount assessed, and findings of the board. No index. Hdw. 430 pp. 10 x 12 x 3. Auditor's Off.

The board of tax adjustment of Perry County consists of one member of the county council selected by the council, and six members appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The appointees must have the following qualifications: one shall be a township trustee; one shall be a mayor or president of the board of trustees of an incorporated town; one shall be a member of the city board of education; and three shall be resident freeholders of the county, not holding any public office. No more than four of the members of the board shall belong to the same political party. (Acts 1933; Anno. 64-804, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Perry County is 1933. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse, unless otherwise stated.

It is the duty of the board to examine, and if it deems necessary, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any new levy and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based, and apportion the total of all of the levies so that the total levy on property within any municipal corporation for which the property therein is taxable, shall not exceed the total rate as provided by law. (Ibid.)

101. TAX LEVIES, 1935--. (Same as entry 2.) [illegible] tax levies and tables, and record of taxes levied against property, showing freeholder's names, and kind of property owned and taxed. No index. 2d x 16 x 6. Auditor's off.

The board of Perry County commissioners constitutes a board of finance. The auditor acts as secretary. The board may sue and be sued in its own name wherever necessary to accomplish the purposes intended by its creation. The location date of this board in Perry County is 1907. All records ~~of this office~~ are found in the courthouse.

The board of finance has charge of and controls the funds of Perry County (Acts 1907; Sec. 61-[illegible], Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

The Board of Finance selects the depository for county funds. It approves the purchase of U. S. Government bonds or other interest-bearing public funds on deposit, receives proposals, and creates and revokes depositories. (Acts 1907, 1909, 1931; Sec. 61-[illegible] to 61-[illegible], 61-[illegible].)

The General Assembly of 1935 repealed the act establishing this board, and in the same session in the "Depository Act of 1935," re-established the board of finance practically unaltered (Acts 1935; Sec. 61-[illegible], 61-[illegible], 61-[illegible] to 61-[illegible], Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

113. [illegible], 1910-1933. 23 file boxes.
Statements of depository balances, showing name of depository, date, balance, amount of interest, and cashier's name. No index. 4 x 8 x 12. Auditor's off.

114. [illegible], 1915-20. 1 file box.
Monthly financial statements by depositories to Board of Finance, showing name of bank, date, daily balances, balance carried forward, and signature of bank cashier. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

The treasurer is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years and is not eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election. He is entitled to execute his official bond of not less than the amount of money he may come into his official hands at any time during the term. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1; Sec. 49-3101, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The first date of this office in Perry County is 1817. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The treasurer receives all moneys due Perry County and disburses the same on proper orders. He keeps the ledger and cash books and makes quarterly reports to the auditor. At the expiration of his term of office he gives a sworn statement to the auditor showing specifically the amount of fees collected, and deposits with the auditor all orders redeemed. He makes a monthly statement to the treasurer of State, collects property and poll taxes and State license fees, and divides to the State the proceeds from the sale of estates when the heirs are unknown. (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 1; 1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1953; Sec. 49-3103 to 49-3117, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Tax Collectors

154. Tax warrants, 1852--. 1 vol.

List of taxes compiled by the auditor to be collected by the treasurer, showing from whom to collect, amount to be collected, and description

Tax Collection (continued)

of property or real estate. Arr. alph. by name of owner. Vol. 331 pp. 11 x 13 x c. 370 vols., 1868-1[illegible]9, Auditor stg. rm. 1; 10 vols., 1[illegible]--, Treasurer's off.

116. Land [illegible], 1[illegible]--. Vol.

Record of lots and land [illegible] account of delinquent taxes, showing date, amount, installments, and description of lots or land. Arr. by twps. and towns, thereunder arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 17 x 15 x 2½. 1[illegible]-30, basement stg. rm. 1; 1[illegible]--, Treasurer's off.

117. Tax [illegible] Entry Cards [illegible], 1[illegible]--. 14 vols. (3-16, 18, and 1 vol. not numbered). Vols. 1-4, prior to 1[illegible]; 5, 1910-1[illegible]; 1[illegible]-18, missing. [illegible] order.

Record of moneys received by treasurer for [illegible] and special assessments, showing from whom collected, amount, [illegible]. Arr. alph. [illegible]. Hdw. 10 x 12 x c. 16 vols., 1[illegible]-1906, basement stg. rm. 1; 1 vol., 1[illegible]--, treasurer's off.

118. Collector's Records, 1910-20. 2 vols.

Register of delinquent taxes for collection after [illegible], showing number of order, description, amount and date paid. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 10 x 8 x c. Assessor's off.

119. Inheritance Tax Receipts, 1911--. 1 vol.

Record of receipts given for inheritance tax, showing rates, from whom received, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. No index. 400 pp. 20 x 8 x . Treasurer's off.

120. [illegible] Tax Record, 1872--. 3 vols. Title varies.

List of personal, poll, dog taxes, and court fees which cannot be

Tax Collections(continued)

collected, showing name, amount of taxes, upon what levied, and date. Indexed alph. by twp. and owner. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1871-[illegible], basement stg. rm.; 2 vols., 1913--, treasurer's off.

Public Improvement Records

200. [illegible] , 1900-1913. 5 vols. (1-5). Record of [illegible] of road taxes, showing from whom collected, amount, date, and name of road. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. Basement stg. rm.

201. ROAD ORDERS, 1868-46. 1 file box.

Orders of road supervisor to treasurer to pay parties for road work, showing name of laborer, no. of days worked, and amount. No index. Hdw. 10 x 1 x 4. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Receipts and Disbursements

202. [illegible] , 1 [illegible]. 13 vols. (1, 3, 5-11, 1-3, and 1 vol. not numbered). Vols. 3, 4, 1914-17, missing.

Warrants or stubs by w rious depositories of county funds, showing daily cash balance, balance at close of day, amounts deposited, and amount drawn out, and date of deposit. Arr. chron. Hdw. 275 pp. 15 x 11 x 1. 12 vols., 1907-25, basement stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1927--, treasurer's off.

203. [illegible] , 1917--. 4 vols. (1-3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Yearly balance statement of treasurer, showing amounts of monthly

entries of all county revenues received and disbursed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 6 vols., 1917-23, basement stg. rm. 1; 1 vol., 1930--, treasurer's off.

204. [illegible], 1942--. 12 vols.

Record of receipts of money paid to the treasurer for miscellaneous items, showing parties paying, and nature of payment. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 11 vol., 1942-1964, basement stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1933--, treasurer's off.

205. [illegible], 1874-[illegible]. 2 vols.

Record of school lands, showing how they have been located in each congressional twp. in the county. Arr. [illegible] by date of account. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 10 x 2. Basement stg. rm. 1.

206. [illegible], 1870-[illegible]. 1 vol.

Record of all money received by the treasurer as loans, interest, and fines, showing parties by whom money was paid. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 10 x 2. Basement stg. rm.

207. [illegible], 1940-55. 1 file house.

Receipts for money paid out by treasurer, showing from whom, amount, for what purpose, signature of payee, date, and disposition filed in treasurer's off. 10 x 4 x 4. Hdw. Basement stg. rm. 1.

By an Act of 1873, a county board of education was created. The board is comprised of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees of the county, and chairman of the school trustees of each city and town of the county. The inception date of this board in Perry County is 1873.

The duties of the board shall be to consider the general wants and needs of the school and matters relating to purchase of school furniture, books, maps, charts, etc. (Acts 1873; Sec. 28-801, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

No records could be found.

In 1873, by legislative enactment, the office of county superintendent of schools was created. This officer is elected by the township trustees and serves for a term of four years. The candidate must have had five years' of successful experience as a teacher in the public schools, and at the time of his election he must hold a superintendent's license. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (Acts 1873; Sec. 28-702, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). The inception date of this office in Perry County is 1873. All of the records ~~of this office~~ are located in the courthouse, ~~unless otherwise stated.~~

The superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Perry County. He visits schools while they are in session, conducts teacher's institutes, and calls meetings of teachers of Perry County schools once each month in the school year. He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenues from the enumeration. He presides over the county board of education and receives applications for school aid relief. (Acts 1933; Sec. 28-901 to 28-911, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

Activities and Reports

208. SCHOOL TRUSTEE'S RECORD, 1876-90. 1 vol.
Miscellaneous reports of the meetings of county trustees, showing oaths of office. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 264 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Basement stg. rm.

209. SCHOOL EXAMINER'S RECORDS, 1865-1901. 1 vol. Discontinued.
Record of school examiner, showing tuition, special tax, no.

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of teachers in county, teacher's examinations, abstracts of trustees, statistics of school revenues, enumeration, results of superintendent's visit, and minutes of board of education meetings. Arr. alph. by name of record. Adw. Condition fair. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Basement stg. rm. 1.

210. CO. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS, 1874-81. 1 vol.

Record of county school superintendent, showing school enumeration, teacher's examinations, county institutes, reports received from teachers, complaints filed against teachers by parents, and proceedings and minutes of meetings of county board of education. Arr. chron. Adw. 100 pp. 10 x 14 x 1. Basement stg. rm. 1.

For later records, see entries 213, and 215.

211. SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONMENTS, 1847-70. 1 file box.

Reports of auditor to superintendent of schools, showing name of county, date, name of twp. or town, tuition and common school revenue, and congressional twp. revenue. No index. Adw. on printed form. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

212. CORRESPONDENCE, 1925--. 1 file drawer.

Letters written to agricultural agent, covering general correspondence. No index. 8 x 11 x 24. Superintendent's off.

Enumerations

213. RECORD CARDS OF ENUMERATION, 1926--. 2 file drawers.

Enumeration record cards, showing names, ages, grades, sex, and color. No index. 5 x 8 x 24. Superintendent's off.

Activities and Reports--Enumerations(continued)

214. ENUMERATION, 1843-55. 5 file boxes.
Census of school children between the ages of five and twenty-one, years of age, showing parent's name, child's name, age, and sex. No index. 4 x 4 x 10. Basement stg. rm. 1.

Pupils

215. TEACHER'S RECORDS, 1925--. 1 file drawer.
Teacher's record of students, showing names, ages, grades, and department, and dates. No index. 5 x 6 x 24. Superintendent's off.

Maps

213. STATE OF INDIANA, 1921. 1 map.
Commercial map of state of Ind. Drawn by Browning. Published in Indianapolis, by National Map Co. Printed. No scale given. 40 x 60. Superintendent's off.

217. ALL TOWNSHIPS OF PERRY COUNTY, 1920. 1 map.
Political map of all twps., of Perry County. Drawn by James Lim. Published in Chicago, Ill., by Standard Map Co. Printed and colored. Scale, ½" to 1 mile. 16 x 11½. Superintendent's off.

By legislative enactment in 1891, the office of health commissioner was created. This officer is elected by the county commissioners to serve for a term of four years. The inclusive date of the records in Perry County is 1891. From 1882 until 1891 the records were kept by the county board of health composed of the township trustees, a mayor, common council of each city in the county, and board of county commissioners. After the establishment of the health commissioner the board was abolished. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

It is his duty to safeguard the health and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to study and check contagious diseases in the various communities, wherever and whenever possible, and advise and counsel various persons interested in the control of diseases. He is required to maintain records of births, deaths, marriages, make dairy inspections, food inspections, and hold regular examinations of pupils in the various schools of Perry County at regular intervals. (Acts 1891; Sec. 35-108, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

213. [illegible] RECORD, 1901--. 1 vol.

Record of health officer's official transactions, showing date and [illegible] of reports, time and places of visits, birth and death reports, contagious diseases, duration of quarantine, and postal expenditures. Arr. chron. Adm. 521 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Dr. P. J. Coultas' office, Main and Jefferson streets, Tell City, Ind.

219. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1889--. 8 vols. 1894-99, 1905-7, missing. Record of births, showing date of birth, name of child, legitimacy, color, sex, races, parents' names, residence, birthplaces, and occupations. Indexed alph. by name of child. Hdw. on printed form. 105 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Dr. P. J. Coultas' office, Main and Jefferson Sts., Tell City, Ind.

220. MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1920--. 2 vols.

Record of marriages, showing dates, names of ~~bride~~ contracting parties, personal and family histories, former marital status, if any, parental history, and return date. Indexed alph. by names of bride and groom. Hdw. on printed form. 404 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. Dr. P. J. Coultas' office, Main and Jefferson Sts., Tell City, Ind.

221. RECORD OF CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1882--. 5 vols. Record, showing date, name of patient, residence, personal and family history, diagnosis and ailment, quarantine, and duration of case. Indexed alph. by names of patients. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½. 4 vols., 1904--, Dr. P. J. Coultas' office, Main and Jefferson Sts., Tell City, Ind.; 1 vol., 1882-1895, Recorder's vt.

222. DEATH RECORDS, 1882--. 9 vols.

Record of deaths, showing name of deceased, residence, place of death, birthplace, age, sex, color, occupation, marital status, surviving spouse, age, occupation, birthplace, parents' and family history, physician's diagnosis of cause of death, burial date and place, and undertakers name. Indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. on printed form. 135 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Dr. P. J. Coultas' office, Main and Jefferson Sts., Tell City, Ind.

XVIII BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The board of public welfare of Perry County consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare. The board is appointed by the judge of the circuit court; at least two members must be women and not more than three members may be adherents of any one political party. (Acts 1936, Sec. 52-1118, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Perry County is 1936.

Subject to the rules and regulations of the State department of public welfare, the county board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, old age assistance, services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and other welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the State department of public welfare, under the provisions of the act, including services connected with assistance to the blind.

The director, who is appointed by the board of public welfare of Perry County under the supervision of the circuit court, performs the functions of probation officer and agent of the court. (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1119, 52-1120, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

A board of children's guardians, which was established in 1889 to care for neglected children, was abolished by the 1936 act and jurisdiction was transferred to the board of public welfare (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1121, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

All jurisdiction vested in county boards pertaining to welfare work was transferred to the board of public welfare in 1936 (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1408, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

No records could be found.

The county surveyor is a constitutional officer, nominated by primary and elected in the general election for two years. He may be re-elected indefinitely. He must give bond in a sum fixed by the board of county commissioners. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; 1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Sec. 49-3301, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Perry County is 1817. ~~All of~~ the records ~~of this office~~ are located in the courthouse ~~unless otherwise stated~~.

The surveyor performs all duties which are required for public improvements, including the preparation of plans and specifications, general supervision of all bridges, turnpikes, roads, ditches, drains and levees. He establishes boundaries of farms and lots, and takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate. He removes, after examination, the obstruction of any streams. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852; Acts 1875; 1895, 1901, 1911, 1925, and 1933; Sec. 53-1110, 49-3308 to 49-3317, 49-3319 to 49-3322, and 49-3327 to 49-3328, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

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223. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1805--. 3 vols. (B-D). Vol. A, prior to 1805, missing.

Record of field notes, showing sec., twp., range, corner stones, directions, and plat of survey. No index. Rec. 300 pp., 16 x 12 x 3. Recorder's Vo.

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234. SANITATION, ROADS AND BRIDGES, 1891--. 4 file boxes. Papers on sanitation, road and bridge plans, and road matters, other than specifications, showing names and location of road or bridges, and all particulars. No Index. 14 x 5 x 11½. Surveyor's off.

The county highway system was, at one time, administered by the superintendent of highways who was appointed by the county commissioners for a term of four years, and some records bear his name and title. This office was established in 1913, and abolished March 1, 1933; and the powers and duties given to the surveyor (Acts 1913, 1933, Sec. 36-1113, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). In order to provide for necessary supervision in counties warranting more attention than the surveyor can give, the board of county commissioners has the right to employ any person, other than the surveyor, as supervisor of county highways, and such officer is called the highway supervisor (Acts 1933; Sec. 36-1110, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). The board of commissioners of Perry County has appointed a separate highway supervisor. The inception date of this office in Perry County is 1933. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse, unless otherwise stated.

The highway supervisor has general supervision of the repair of all highways, bridges, and culverts of the county. It is his duty to see that the mail routes are kept open. He must attend the annual road school at Purdue University. (Acts 1933; Sec. 36-1101 to 36-1109, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

225. ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S COMBINED ACCOUNT BOOK, 1900-09. 1 vol. Report of road superintendent's expenditures, showing schedules of property, road master's bond, records of locations, and road vacations. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Basement stg. rm. 3.

The office of county (agricultural) agent was created by legislative enactment in 1913. The act provides that this office shall come into existence only when twenty or more residents of a county who are actively interested in agriculture and domestic science, shall file a petition with the county board of education. The petition is then presented to the county council, which provides appropriations for salary and expenses for the maintenance of this office. The board of education then applies to Purdue University for the appointment of a county (agricultural) agent whose appointment is made annually. The board of education then ratifies the appointment made by Purdue. The inception date of this office in Perry County is 1920. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse, unless otherwise stated.

It is the duty of the county (agricultural) agent under the supervision of Purdue University, to cooperate with movements for the advancement of agriculture, to give advice to farmers, and aid the county superintendent of schools in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science (Acts 1913, 1927, and 1934; Sec. 28-1911, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). By an act of 1931, the office of Home Demonstration Agent, which is supplemental to that of county agent, was created (Acts 1931; Sec. 28-5627, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

Reports

226. CORN, HOG AND WHEAT CONTRACTS, 1934--. 10 drawers.

Contracts in compliance with the Agricultural Adjustment Act, showing name

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of farmer, no. of acres, and no. of hogs, wheat and corn to be raised. Arr. alph. by name of farmer. 14 x 14 x 22. Agricultural agent's off.

227. BULLETINS, 1934--. 1 drawer.

Printed and written matter, giving information on miscellaneous subjects of interest to the county agent. Arr. alph. by subject. 14 x 14 x 22. Agricultural agent's off.

228. PROJECT CORRESPONDENCE, 1934--. 1 drawer.

Correspondence and projects of different kinds in which the county agent is interested. Arr. alph. by subject. 14 x 14 x 22. Agricultural agent's off.

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